UTAH-IDAHO LWML NEWSLETTER

UTAH ZONE FALL EVENT

Saturday, September 19th
Holy Trinity-Riverton, UT
8:30am-1pm
For more information, see flyer on page 4

CENTRAL ZONE FALL EVENT

October 4, 2026
XrossWay Life Church
Kimberly, ID

WESTERN ZONE FALL EVENT

October
Christ Lutheran
Meridian, ID

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.

FIRST BIENNIUM MISSION GRANT FUNDED

This is our first distribution of Mission Grant Funds for this new biennium! VP of Gospel Outreach, Toni Champlin had the pleasure of handing a check worth $1250 to Lois Anderson and Sheryl VerWey. They administer the program Stories@Sunset with Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls, Idaho. These funds will go to purchase books for this ministry that happens during the summer months. The remaining funds will be distributed next spring. Please pray for the children and families that will be touched through this ministry.
(For a more detailed report, see page 2)

HISTORY OF THE MUSTARD SEED

by Cindy Runyan, VP of Christian Life

Have you ever wondered how the Mustard Seed Devotions got its name? Great things often start in the smallest of ways. I discovered this convenient devotion's history was created by the LWML in 1971, as a leaflet for women working outside the home to share their faith on coffee breaks. It has become a time-honored Christian resource that continues to inspire faith today. Here is more information directly from the National LWML website. (cont. on pg 2)

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"The History of Mustard Seed Devotional Packets
The seed of the mustard plant is among the smallest of seeds, yet from this small seed grows a large bush. Jesus used the analogy of a mustard seed to show how something small and seemingly inconsequential can have a powerful impact.
In 1971 the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) developed a new series of short personal Bible studies called Mustard Seeds. These individual leaflets were designed initially to help women working outside the home share their faith during coffee breaks and lunch hour discussions. Over the years the LWML developed numerous Mustard Seeds packets, all on different topics.
Mustard Seeds packets are used both for personal Bible study and as an evangelism or witness tool. The newest packets in this series include a devotional text, clear Gospel message and include the complete text of quoted scripture. With these additions to a time honored product, the LWML hopes that Mustard Seeds continue to be a strong, vibrant tool for Christian growth and Gospel sharing. "
To sign-up to receive Mustard Seed Devotions by email, please visit:
https://lwml.360unite.com/stayintouch

CHURCH WORKER GRANT FUNDS AWARDED

by Pam Quisler, VP of Organizational Resources

"Utah-Idaho District's Church Worker Grant Program is meant to assist students accepting their first call to become full-time workers in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) The $3000 amount would be divided equally between qualified applicants.
I am pleased to announce that we had one applicant this year. The $3,000 is awarded to Pastor Joe Pierson who attends the Specific Ministry Program (SMP) offered at Concordia St. Louis. He has accepted a call from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Logan, Utah., where he was also currently a member. We wish him peace and joy as he steps into his new role as Pastor. May the Holy Spirit guide his way.
Want to learn more about Church Worker Grant Opportunities? Visit our website, utahidaholwml.org!

STORIES@SUNSET REPORT

The Stories@Sunset event is in full swing this summer, beginning on Wednesday, July 8, and will continue until August 5. The first week, the children heard the story, Nature's Lullaby Fills the Night, while they and their family listened to the story being read and broadcasted over 93.7 FM station in their cool cars. Yes, it's been very hot; however, the excited and eager children do not seem to notice.

Other books that will be shared with the children are: The Armadillo Who Came for Dinner, Bored Panda, All You Need to Know About Dogs by A.Cat, and I Love You Mouse. When the last page of the book has been read, the children bounce out of the cars, eager to select another book from the table while picking up a little snack and then playing with friends on the school lawn.

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The parents also enjoy this time to connect with each other for a time of fellowship. Thanks to the LWML Utah-Idaho District's grant, many books have been purchased for the summer events and also for Stories@Christmas and Stories@Easter. These events encourage the children to read and also point them to Jesus and His love. Your Mites in Action have helped to make this program available to the children in the Twin Falls community.

DISTRICT MITE REPORT FOR 2ND QUARTER

Western	$4,175.17
Central	$3,253.82
Yellowstone	$1,169.25
Utah	$1,323.64

Reported by: Kathy Bayn, Financial Secretary

YWR DISTRICT CONVENTION REPORT

by Arianna Keyser

As a YWR we had dinner with the board of directors and special guests, including our National representative, keynote speaker, and other YWRs for the convention. For the Convention our district had 6 YWRs in total with 3 of us having served as National YWR and 3 new YWRs. Those of us who attended the past national convention reported on our time as YWRs for the 2025 National Convention. We attended the business meetings where we heard about where some of our mites went this past biennium from our mites in action speakers, listened to some passionate discussion regarding the upcoming budget and how best to use our mites, and watched as the voting that will shape our next 2 years took place including the budget, board officers, and mission grants. 10 out of 20 mission grants were fully funded with 2 more partially funded. 3 YWRs helped tally the ingathering offering where we received 5,535 diapers and selections of the other requested items that I couldn't write down fast enough to give an accurate report of, but it was enough to fill the car of the representative from the Compassion & Hope Pregnancy Center where those supplies will be going, so thank you to all who donated.

Some of the YWR participated in skit to promote the 2027 National Convention in OKC. This skit script is available online if you would like to use it with your own congregation. To end the convention our newly elected board members were installed into their new positions, including one YWR who was installed as the Utah Zone President, and we thanked the past board members for their service.

Thank you for allowing us to serve as your district convention YWRs.

2026 LWML UTAH ZONE FALL EVENT

Theme- Chosen to serve
John 15 v 16-17 and Isaiah 6 v 8

Saturday September 19, 2026

8:30 (registration & refreshments)-1pm

At: Holy Trinity
13249 S Redwood Rd
Riverton, UT

Free will offering/suggested $5
Light lunch provided
Questions? Text or call
Tish B 801-656-5556

Bible Study
Leader : Pastor Mark Christ, St Paul

Speaker: From the Connie Crosby Resource Center

Ingathering for Holy Trinity Youth Group project and Connie Crosby Resource Center

- Fleece in 1 ½ or 2 yd cuts, Pre-cut Fleece kits-Youth project
- New Adult underwear. particularly men's
- New men's socks ankle or crew
- New Full-sized shampoo, conditioner, and lotion
- New or gently used full sized towels
- Laundry detergent/pods

Lutheran Women *in Mission*

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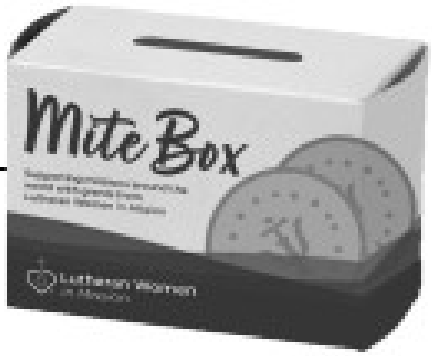

This is a monthly prayer guide for your daily use. Each day as you pray, please feed your Mite Box in support of district and LWML Mission Grants. As you lift up the countries and mission grants listed, pray that the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ would be heard by those who live there or are served by our mite offerings. Each country listed has been a recipient of a mission grant from Lutheran Women in Mission at some time since 1942. What a joy it is to bring these prayers to our Father's listening ears!

1. For LWML Mission Grant #18.
2. For God to work through and bless our national LWML and LCMS leaders.
3. For Macau, one of the 83 countries where LWML has supported a grant.
4. For the opportunities to share your faith story.
5. For someone to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with this week.
6. For the Lutheran Women in Mission LWML Strategic Plan Facilitator.
7. For the country of Madagascar.
8. For the LWML Utah-Idaho District and the Gospel work there.
9. For those who are suffering from loneliness, depression, and anxiety.
10. For all LCMS pastors and church workers.
11. For the country of Mongolia.
12. For the opportunity to meet someone new this week.
13. For the opportunity to pray for someone who has a special need.
14. For our church to be united.
15. For the country of Malawi.
16. For the LWML Rocky Mountain District.
17. For your extended family who need Jesus.
18. For the mission work of the LWML.
19. For the country of Nicaragua.
20. For the LWML Wyoming District.
21. For LWML Mission Grant #19.
22. For opportunities to reach people who are still far from knowing God.
23. For the country of Namibia.
24. For the LWML Minnesota South District.
25. For the gifts and talents in your church.
26. For the country of Nigeria.
27. For LWML Mission Grant #20.
28. For volunteers with hearts of service.
29. For the LWML Central Illinois District.
30. For healing of strained relationships.
31. For more time to ready God's Word and listen to God's voice.