



U & I Together



In Mission Points with Pastor Stephen

Courage for Today

We had enjoyed much conversation just the day before focused on John's account of Jesus raising Lazarus from death to life even though his friend had been dead for four days. We talked about loss in this life and the undoing of death that Jesus spoke of to Lazarus's sister, Martha. But Jesus didn't only speak about raising the dead, he demonstrated it.

Speaking of turbulent days and difficult decisions ahead, my friend said, "I don't know about the chapters ahead, but I know what the last chapter says, and that sure helps today."

Jesus' words are a comfort to us because they are a bold promise. *"I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die"* (John 11:25-26). To think just days from that powerful miracle Jesus would be called from His own tomb by His Heavenly Father. The One who gave His life in ransom for ours was called back to life so when He promises to call us from the grave one day, we can count on our living Lord.

Prayer: Lord, thank you that the difficulties of today pale in comparison to what you have in store for me one day. Help me trust you today, tomorrow and always. I rejoice in your power and promises. Amen.

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Mark your Calendars!

EC Meeting
Conference Call
May 28, 2020

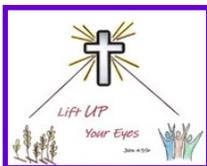
Camp Perkins Retreat
July 17-19, 2020
Camp Perkins

District Convention
August 14-16, 2020
Friendship Celebration
Meridian ID

Newsletter Submissions
April 15, 2020

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER

There is power in prayer. As Lutheran Women in Mission, let's join together in prayer every day at noon. Praise our Almighty God for His strong Word, His everlasting love, His free gift of salvation to all who believe. Share with Him what's on your heart. Close this time with the prayer He taught us – the Lord's Prayer. Those words cover it all!



Convention News!

Dear District Friends,
The Utah-Idaho District Board met March 19 to discuss plans for our convention that is scheduled for April 24-26 in Boise, Idaho. After time in prayer and sharing our thoughts and concerns, the decision was made to postpone the convention until **August 14-16, 2020**. However, the Executive Committee will evaluate the COVID-19 condition on **May 28** and will cancel the convention, if necessary, for the safety of all concerned.

The convention will not be held at the Concordia School of Law and the Hampton Inn & Suites contract has been cancelled. **All previous reservations made by LWML members are cancelled and you do not need to call the hotel.**

These times are very uncertain and we're flexible in our planning. One thing is sure: Our God is unchangeable and we cling to His promise to never leave us or forsake us. Thank you for your prayers as we continue to make these adjustments, trusting in Him to guide us.

Peace in Christ,
Lois

U-I 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.



A Letter from Lois...



Dear Friends,

One of the many blessings of serving as your District President is the opportunity I have to visit with many of you at our Zone Events. Recently I attended my own Central Zone's event on Saturday March 7 and the Western Zone's event on the 14th. At these gatherings we encouraged each other to continue to serve our Lord by letting our light shine in our community amidst the growing concern over the coronavirus pandemic.

As this situation continued to progress, the District's Board of Directors met via teleconference on March 19 to discuss convention plans. The convention will be postponed until August 14-16; however, the Executive Committee will evaluate the situation again on May 28 to determine whether we can go ahead with retreat and convention plans.

Balloting for officers, bylaw/standing rule changes, mission goal, budget, and mission grants will take place in April. All eligible voters will receive a ballot by mail. The results will be announced on April 25, during the weekend originally scheduled for our convention.

These are unsettling times we are experiencing. What comfort we have knowing our God never changes – He is our Rock, our Salvation, our Stronghold in Whom we take refuge.

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord (Jeremiah 17:7).

Blessings and love,
Lois

Mite Offerings



Mites offerings for Quarter 8 of the 2018-2020 biennium:

Central Zone	\$ 3324.37
Utah Zone	\$ 697.04
Western Zone	\$ 3113.04
Yellowstone Zone	\$ 636.81

We were blessed to receive from the Johnson Family Foundation \$203.32 to be placed into mites. Additional donations received this quarter were \$200 to the District Grants and \$150 to the Heritage of Love Endowment Fund.

Mites received during the 2018-2020 biennium totaled \$57,965.48.

Sincerely,
Barbara James, Financial Secretary



Election Notes



Each biennium our district bylaws are reviewed and suggested amendments are then brought before the convention. Two significant changes being proposed this year are to create new committees: Young Woman Representatives (YWR) and Heart to Heart Sisters (H2H). All the changes are summarized in the document Summary of Proposed Bylaws Amendments. This summary and the complete bylaws document with exact wording proposed can be found in this Newsletter and on our district's website at utahidaholwml.org/proposed-bylaw-amendments.



Balloting Information!

Please review these documents at <https://www.utahidaholwml.org/district-convention-info.html> and make your voice count! Your group's delegates want to hear your opinion on these subjects:

Proposed Bylaw Amendments
Proposed Mission Goal/Budget

Nominees for Office
Proposed Mission Grants

With a gracious heart we move forward in the process by carrying out the voting business for the district through a mail balloting process. Delegates will be receiving ballots and instructions by mail.

Zone Notes

Western Zone - Sherrie Prien

Faith Mountain Home did an awesome job hosting thirty eight ladies from the Western Zone at their Spring Event. Pastor Craig Kellerman led the ladies in the 2020 LWML Prayer Service, Living in Love, Bearing Fruit.

Guest speaker, Kim Middleton from Elmore County Domestic Violence Shelter, told about the shelter and their needs. Western Zone Ladies provided 218 food items plus toothbrushes and toothpaste for the shelter.

President Lois discussed Convention and elections were held.



Pastor Kellerman leading prayer service



Guest speaker Kim Middleton



Roberta Trenkel and Jill Link



Beautiful smiles from wonderful ladies!



Yellowstone Zone - Betty Oloff

From the Yellowstone Zone: Ladies met on Saturday, March 7, at Grace Lutheran in Pocatello for the Spring Zone Event. We started in the gym and helped the members of Grace pack meals to give away, a program called Meals of Hope. We scheduled an hour for the packing but with what the people had packed on Friday and with all the help on Saturday from the church and from the LWML, we finished in a half hour. So, we moved the business meeting up and with talking about the votes to be taken at the Convention and the retreat at Camp Perkins this July, we filled up the time and were back on schedule. Kirk Triplett, serving at Faith in Pocatello, led a Bible Study on 2 Cor. 5:17-20 and Philippians 3:20 and had some singing. Then, Peter Shaw from Idaho Falls, a missionary with East-West Ministries International to Cuba, showed slides and talked about his third trip to Cuba this past month. Our officers for the next biennium are Nan Mueller, zone president and Betty Oloff, zone vice president but are still looking for a secretary-treasurer. If it is upon your heart to serve as secretary-treasurer for the Yellowstone Zone, please contact Betty Oloff. Our next zone event, Lord willing, will be at Hope in Idaho Falls, in the autumn.

God's blessings on us all, with changes in our routines that give us more time to focus on Him.



Caryn Elliott and Julie Cooke



Kirk Triplett leading Bible study



Sherrie Weerheim

FELLOWSHIP TIME!

During these days when we're safely tucked away in our homes, take some time to connect with friends via email or text messages. Share several Bible passages with them to give them comfort and peace. Better yet, pick up the phone and call them to find out how they're doing, if they have enough food, and let them share what's on their heart. We can be a light that shines even when we're homebound by having fellowship through our conversations and letting others know we care.

Melody Rosenwinkel
Lois Anderson

National Grant

Wind River Lutheran Mission in Wyoming is currently the only existing full-time mission with a pastor living on site.

THESE CHILDREN NEED A RIDE!

The children from the Shoshone and Arapaho tribes in Wyoming receive little or no support when it comes to Christian education. God has called us to bring these little children to Him. The LWML has granted the Wind River Lutheran Mission \$40,000 to purchase a van to transport these precious little ones to VBS and to a "Monday" school at Crowheart. More information about this grant can be found at lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-9.

Even though we are homebound and not meeting as a group for a while, we can still bring the Gospel to these little children. Please send your Mite donation to your group treasurer so that the mission to God's people will continue. We are blessed to be a blessing to others through our prayers and our Mites.



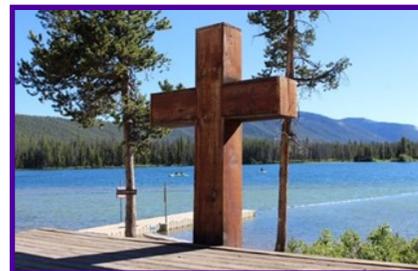
Church Worker Grant

If you know of someone who is going into church work and will be receiving their first call in the Spring of 2020, please let me know. His or her home congregation should be in the Utah-Idaho District. Applications are due by May 31, 2020. Please send information to Grace Strauch Mullinix at gkstrauch@msn.com. More information can be found at utahidahlwml.org/churchworker-grant-opportunity.

Grace Strauch Mullinix
VP Servant Resources

Camp Perkins Retreat

Searching God's 20/20 Vision



Due to the current Covid-19 outbreak, the retreat information will be sent early June. The board determined it was constructive to wait to send information and registration until after the May board meeting. Thank you for your patience and consideration. Stay safe and well.

Caryn Elliott
Retreat Chairperson

Summary of Proposed Bylaws Amendments

February 2020

1. To conform to national LWML (*housekeeping, do not need to vote on these*)
 - A. Change
 - 1) Society to group
 - 2) Vice President of Human Care to Vice President of Special Focus Ministries
 - 3) Vice President of Servant Resources to Vice President of Organizational Resources
 - 4) President now attends national Presidents Assembly
 - B. Obtain membership applications from the District President
2. To conform to current practice (*included in vote*)
 - A. Delete Zone ministry teams, replace with Zones
 - B. Delete Convention Resolutions Committee as we are omitting courtesy resolutions (If we have any “real” resolutions to craft the president can appoint a committee to do it.)
 - C. For several duties, replace Board of Directors with Executive Committee (Board meets once in the biennium, Committee meets in October and February.)
 - D. Vice President of Special Focus Ministries Coordinate the District’s YWR and H2H (Heart to Heart) Sisters programs
 - E. Delete Personnel Resource Profiles as we haven’t been keeping them up to date
3. To improve our processes (*included in vote*)
 - A. Allow the meeting to fill a vacancy in the office of president to be a teleconference.
 - B. Move most of the duties of the Mailing Secretary to the VP of Communication as the VP maintains the electronic mailing lists. Delete the position of Mailing Secretary. (The Financial Secretary will now report dues payments to the zone presidents.)
 - C. Create a Young Woman Representative (YWR) Committee
 - 1) Appointed by the President
 - 2) Reports to the Vice President of Special Focus Ministries
 - 3) Promote awareness of YWR programs and information within the district through the U & I Together and the district’s website;
 - 4) Assist groups within the district in ways to include YWR activities within their church;
 - 5) Assist each zone president with YWR participation in zone events;
 - 6) Organize YWR activities for the district convention and retreat;
 - D. Create a Heart to Heart (H2H) Committee
 - 1) Appointed by the President
 - 2) Reports to the Vice President of Special Focus Ministries
 - 3) Promote awareness of H2H programs and information within the district through the U&I Together and the district’s website;
 - 4) Assist groups within the district in ways to include H2H activities within their church;
 - 5) Assist each zone president with H2H participation in zone events;
 - 6) Organize H2H activities for the district convention.
 - E. Move oversight of the Archivist from the VP Communication to the Secretary
 - F. Change “work program” to “budget” (old terminology)
 - G. Have the Pastoral Counselor serve on Mission Grants Committee and review the U & I before publication
 - H. Writing District history moved from bylaws to Procedures Manual (duty of Archivist-Historian)

Standing Rules*

1. Authorized travel in the District shall be reimbursed at forty cents per mile.
2. The convention shall meet on the first weekend in May, unless otherwise ordered by the executive committee.
3. Each ~~society~~group and individual member shall send the Utah-Idaho District Financial Secretary ~~three dollars~~\$10 per member, per year for the purpose of sending District delegates to the national LWML convention.
4. The District shall purchase a bulk subscription to the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* only for ~~societies~~groups requesting them. These ~~societies~~groups are encouraged to pay for the copies for their members. All women are encouraged to buy an individual subscription and receive the *Quarterly* by direct mail.
5. The District shall publish a newsletter, *U & I Together*, a supplement to the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* to promote the goals of LWML and to inform the membership of the activities of the District. The distribution method will be electronic (e-mail and website).
6. The Utah-Idaho District's grant program to assist students to become full-time workers in the LCMS shall divide \$3000 per year among eligible students from the District when these students accept their first call into full-time church work in the LCMS.

In the event that ~~the educational~~this church worker grant does not have eligible applicant(s), the designated \$3000 will be divided three ways: \$1000 to be added to the Mission Grants budget for the next biennium and fund grants; \$1000 each to the scholarship funds of Concordia Theological Seminary—Ft Wayne and Concordia Seminary—St Louis.
7. LWML members who use their personal vehicles when transporting guests and speakers from out of the district to district events shall provide to the district secretary copies of a valid driver's license and vehicle insurance with appropriate liability and personal injury.
8. The district presidents attending the Utah-Idaho district conventions from other districts will be given a 20% discount on their convention registration.
9. The *Heritage of Love Endowment Fund* shall be managed according to policies established by the Utah-Idaho District Executive Committee to
 - Support scholarships for women attending LWML events;
 - Support leadership development through LWML; and
 - Support other areas approved by the Utah-Idaho LWML Executive Committee. Proposed expenditures over \$5,000 must be approved by convention.

Revised: April ~~2018~~2020