



U & I Together



**In Mission Points
with Pastor Stephen**

Mark your Calendars!

GIVING Tuesday!
December 3, 2019
See Flyer for Details

**Tentative
Executive Committee**
February 7-8, 2020
Twin Falls, ID

**Yellowstone Zone
Spring Event**
March 7, 2020

Grace Lutheran Pocatello

District Convention
April 24-26, 2020
Boise, ID

Camp Perkins Retreat
July 17-19, 2020
Camp Perkins

Newsletter Submissions
December 15, 2019

True & Perfect Gift

Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:1b-2).

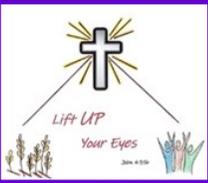
Jesus is the “founder and perfecter of our faith.” Another translation uses “source and finisher”. One commentator calls faith a relationship in which one loves, trusts and hopes in God. He goes on to say that the love, trust and hope are not the faith but the fruit of the faithful relationship that God has initiated, given and that which he alone sustains.

Jesus has given us his own faith. That same faith Jesus clearly displayed in the Garden of Gethsemane in which he expressed his willingness to close his eyes in death trusting that his Father would fulfill His promise to raise him to new life and life eternal. And Jesus was raised from the dead.

When Jesus gifts us, he gives the best. We are not given a starter kit of faith. We are given the relationship Jesus shares with God the Father. In Jesus we are children of God. In Jesus we are “heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ” (Romans 8:17).

With Thanksgiving around the corner, we have everything to be thankful for!

Prayer: Lord Jesus, because of your costly death on a cross for my sake, I am a Child of God. I am in the family because of your love. I thank you that I am reconciled to God the Father and I trust that same, costly love will keep me in the faith that you have gifted to me. I praise and thank you! Amen.



Mark Your Calendars Now ...

... for the 2020 Utah-Idaho District Convention in Boise.

Date: April 24-26, 2020

Theme: Lift Up Your Eyes

Place: Concordia School of Law, Boise

Classroom style rooms with comfortable chairs and tables

Breakout Sessions (tentative)

Past President Kay Kreklau – Mission Updates

LWML Treasurer Karla Koehler – YWRs and LWML News

Dr. Nancy Almodovar – From Jerusalem to Samaria to Your Cul de Sac (Witnessing)

Leslie Wills – Stretching for Strength in Body, Mind, and Spirit

Beth Foreman – Bible Study (more details coming soon)



See attached
flyer with
details!



Giving Tuesday 2019
**Making a Difference
in a Changing World**



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,

Thanksgiving Day is here, a time to be with friends and family and to recall the many blessings we enjoy but often take for granted. I am thankful to be surrounded by many friends in LWML who encourage and support me in my task as District President.

Thank you for your inspiration, your gentle comments, and your prayers for our district.

Our theme for this biennium is "With Our Eyes on Christ, We Serve Others." Thanks be to God for His love, His forgiveness, His compassion, and His gift of salvation. May we be bold to share these gifts with others so they will also have reason to rejoice and give thanks to Him!

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).



Thanking God for you!
Lois

National News



The theme for the 2021 LWML Convention in Lexington, Kentucky, has been selected. "**Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus**" It is based on Scripture verses from the book of Hebrews: *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:1-2).*

The LWML Convention will be held Thursday, June 24, through Sunday, June 27, 2021, at the Rupp Arena in Lexington, Kentucky.

LOGO EXPLANATION by Cheryl Rackov of Dickinson, North Dakota.

She incorporated the shape of the last letter of the Greek alphabet, Omega, and refers to this Scripture passage: *I am the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end (Revelation 22:13).*

The symbol is shaped like a horseshoe, which is appropriate, as horses are a large part of the Kentucky culture. Ancient Greeks awarded horseshoe-shaped laurel wreaths to victors of competitions. In our logo, the laurel wreath symbolizes our victory in Christ. The banner was a method of announcing an official proclamation. Our banner proclaims that we are "Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus."



U-I DISTRICT WELL REPRESENTED!

FIVE of our district members are sharing their time and talents with LWML by serving on national committees. Way to go, servant leaders!

- Nichelle Dykema - Contracted Graphic Design Artist
- Mary Smith - Structures Committee Chair
- Terri Bentley - Christian Resource Editors Chair
- Linda Larson - Heart to Heart Sisters Committee Member
- DCE Kristina Parker - Church Workers in Mission Committee Member

Thank you to Utah-Idaho LWML!

Greetings in the Name of Jesus!

On behalf of the Concordia Theological Seminary community of students, I thank you for your recent contribution. Through this gift, the Lord bestows support on those He is preparing to serve His people in Word and Sacrament ministries throughout the world. Thanks be to God that He would bless His Church through you. Your direct support to our (Student Food) Co-op helps us prepare pastors, deaconesses, and missionaries who will proclaim the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ in all the world.

In the service of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Rev. Dr. Gary W. Zieroth
Dean of Students

Note: \$2,000 was sent to each seminary as no student scholarships were given during the 2018-2020 biennium.

Zone Notes **LWML Fellowship Coast to Coast**



Utah-Idaho meets New England LWML

Appropriately, I met 97 saintly LWML women on All Saint's Day when I arrived in Hartford, CT to participate in their annual fall retreat. The fall colors may have faded a bit by then, but the enthusiasm of these women never wavered.

To promote Mitebox giving, women brought homemade preserves, popcorn, crafts, and baskets to sell. They brought books for women to read for a donation to mites as well. The generous women also took a mite offering that profited nearly \$2000.

Their in-gathering supported district Lutheran schools with wipes and tissues. The principal of one of the schools, an LWML retreat participant spoke of the children ministered to at these New England schools. Only a handful of the students are from Lutheran backgrounds. Much of what she said reminded me of our demographics in Utah-Idaho.

My participation was to lead two 90 minute Bible Studies I wrote for the LWML retreat "Grab Your Shoes and Go!". The first study was right before lunch on Saturday and the second was right after that same lunch. I thank God that I have taught on a 90 minute block schedule for years as an English teacher because I structured them similarly. Using a PowerPoint as a guide for "The Burdens We Carry" and "Witnessing on the Way" seemed to work since they kindly rose in a standing ovation when I was finished. Praise the Lord. I returned home that same evening, knowing the spirit is active in his LWML everywhere!

Terri Bentley

Yellowstone Zone - Betty Oloff

Greetings from the Yellowstone Zone. Caryn and four other ladies from the zone met to begin planning for the LWML retreat at Camp Perkins, July 17-19, 2020. Continuing the theme from the district convention, we will study more Bible passages about the 2020 vision of God. Definite plans to include time to visit and relax and be at a retreat and focus upon the retreat theme, "Searching God's 20/20 Vision".

Thank you, God, for the time coming up to remember Your blessings and to celebrate Your coming as a Baby at Christmas and Your return at the second Advent. Thank You for the peace the angels sang about in Bethlehem. Betty Oloff

Financial Notes

Update on Funded Grants

District Grant	Total Paid	Amount Remaining	Funded
Nichelle Dykema Peru Missionary	\$5,000	\$1,000	Aug-19
Zion Lutheran Faith Based Curriculum	\$6,000	\$0	Oct-19
MOST-Short-term Mission Scholarship for Women of the Utah Idaho Dist.	\$0	\$6,000	Not funded mission area was closed
Worship Anew on Television Open Arms Ministry	\$6,000	\$0	Mar-19
Clover Christian Lutheran Funding the Future Scholarship	\$6,000	\$0	Sept. 2019
Support Teenage Mothers and Victims of Sexual Abuse in Cameroon, West Africa	\$0	\$3,000	

Mite Offerings July – September 2019

Central Zone	\$3,289.73
Utah Zone	\$ 454.83
Western Zone	\$2,356.09
Yellowstone Zone	\$158.72
Total	\$6,259.37

Barbara James, Financial Secretary



Thank you to Utah-Idaho LWML!

Thank you so much for the grant. Because of your generous grant, we have beautiful, new Bible curriculum for the preschool students. And thank you for the extra \$1,000.

What a wonderful surprise!

God's blessings,
Gayle Wollman and
Zion Lutheran School Staff



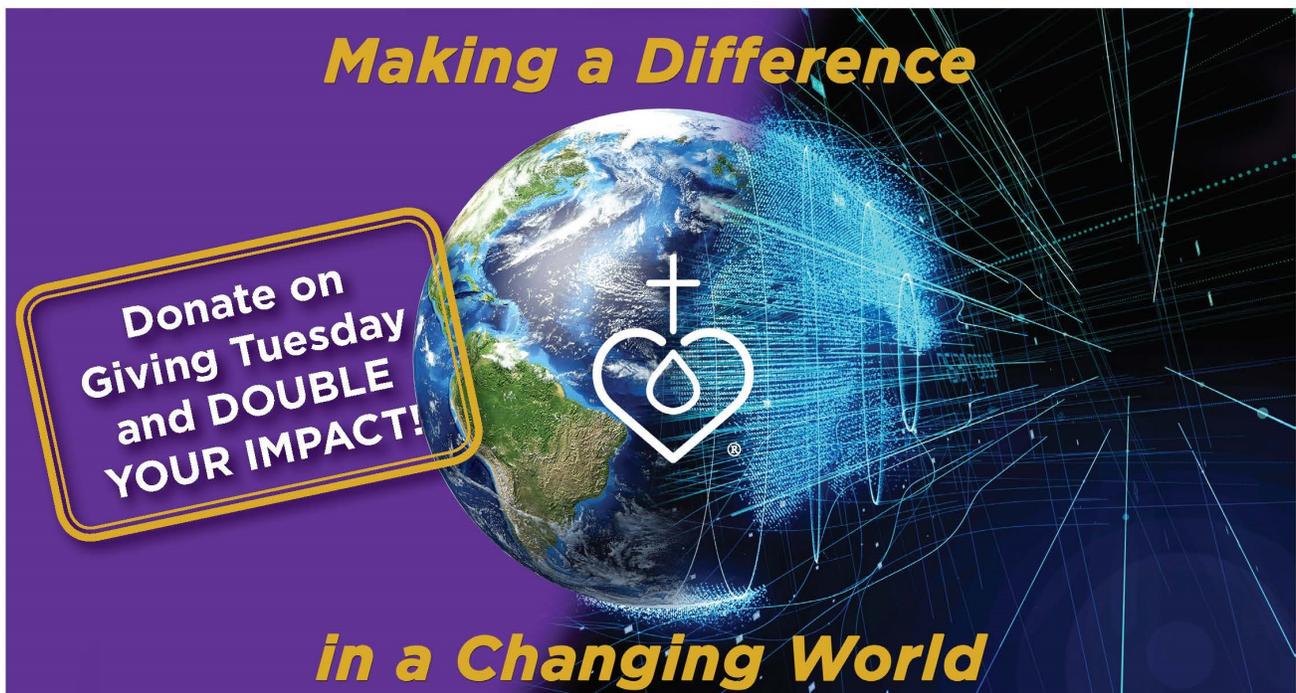


Giving Tuesday – December 3, 2019

What is Giving Tuesday?

A day of giving, fueled by people sharing about non-profits on social media.
It is celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving.

This Giving Tuesday, you can **DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT**
when you donate to the LWML Mission Goal,
thanks to two anonymous donors who will match up to \$20,000!



How Can You Help?



PRAY for the missions being supported!



TELL A FRIEND about this matching opportunity for the LWML Mission Goal!



SHARE special Facebook posts from LWML on Giving Tuesday.



DONATE online on *Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019* to **DOUBLE** your impact!

www.lwml.org/givingtuesday