



# U & I Together



## In Mission Points with Pastor Stephen

### Mark your Calendars!

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

Yellowstone Zone  
Spring Event  
March 7, 2020

Grace Lutheran Pocatello

Central Zone Spring Event  
March 7, 2020  
Peace Lutheran Church  
Filer, ID

Western Zone Spring Event  
March 14, 2020  
Faith Lutheran Church  
Mountain Home, ID

Utah Zone Spring Event  
March 28, 2020  
Holy Trinity—Logan, UT

District Convention  
April 24-26, 2020  
Boise, ID

Camp Perkins Retreat  
July 17-19, 2020  
Camp Perkins

Newsletter Submissions  
February 15, 2020

### Who is in your corner?

Luke 10:1-2 - *After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."*

Our God is God of the harvest. He still sends today. He calls you. He calls me. Notice that when Jesus sent out 72 of his followers, he sent each with another. You may have found that loving others with the love of God often meets resistance. We face self-doubt, criticism, tension over our boundaries, and struggles neglecting neither truth nor love. We need to be reminded of the inexhaustible source of the love we live out. We must be reminded again and again of God's mission and his promises.

Alone we can become disheartened even before we gain traction. Loving in reality is not as easy as loving and caring for others in our dreams.

So Jesus sends gifts. Jesus sends fellow laborers. Who is in your corner? When loving as Jesus loves gets difficult, who will be a strength and encourager for you? Find a trusted advocate, a fellow laborer, today. Better yet, gather a half dozen and gather regularly with the express intent of meeting Jesus in his Word, meeting in his name, and finding ways to join Jesus in working with God's harvest.

Prayer: Lord Jesus you urgently send us into the harvest knowing that reaping is a timely endeavor. You also gift us with fellow laborers who delight in Your promises and pray for Your daily faithfulness. Help us to ask others to join us that we may be a mutual support in joining you. Amen

Pastor Stephen Weems is the Pastoral Counselor for the Utah-Idaho LWML District. He serves joyful in Idaho Falls, Idaho, at St. John Lutheran Church.



The **LWML Quarterly staff** is looking for news articles from groups, zones, and districts. These articles can be sent to Shari Miller at [newseditor@lwm.org](mailto:newseditor@lwm.org). Quilting stories are important; however, other event news would be greatly appreciated.

They are also looking for feature articles, devotions, and Bible studies. These can be sent to [editor@lwm.org](mailto:editor@lwm.org). The Spring 2020 theme is "Vision 2020" and Summer 2020 theme is "Held by HIS Word" focusing on pastors and others behind the "seens" in LWML.

### 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,

Exciting plans are well underway for our District Convention! Please plan to join us on April 24-26 as we lift our eyes to Christ in worship, during servant activities, and yes, even throughout the business sessions! All will be done to the glory of God.

We are honored to have these outstanding speakers join us at convention. Please get acquainted with them now as you greet them on paper, and then enjoy visiting with them in person at the Concordia School of Law in Boise. Detailed information about these speakers and others can be found as you read the Additional Information Pages following the Registration Form. Complete your form now. You'll want to hear these women's stories!

Blessings and love, Lois



Kay Kreklau  
Past LWML  
President  
2011-2015



Karla Koehler  
LWML Treasurer  
2019-2023



Dr. Nancy  
Almodovar  
Author of *The  
Accidental Lutheran*

## Mites

### Mite offerings due by March 15<sup>th</sup>

Mites offerings for the October-December 2019

Central Zone \$ 2685.26

Utah Zone \$ 1600.33

Western Zone \$ 2712.55

Yellowstone Zone \$ 833.24

This is the offering for Quarter 7 of the 2018-2020 biennium.



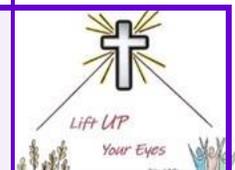
We are now entering into the last quarter of the current biennium that ends March 31. Due to this, your financial team is asking that you send in your mite offerings by March 15. If you have a mite offering at your Spring Event, please make a note of this on your remittance form.

It is time to send in monies for dues and *Quarterly* subscriptions. Please submit those payments as soon as possible also. Your group president will be receiving a notice from Mailing Secretary Jacquie Rowen letting you know the amounts that are due.

Sincerely,  
Barbara James, Financial Secretary

## Convention Update!

The registration form and supplemental information are included in this U&I Together issue. Forms, information, publicity, and convention schedule are posted on the website for your convenience at [www.utahidaholwml.org](http://www.utahidaholwml.org).



## Book Review



Inspired by the true blue-skinned people of Kentucky and the brave and dedicated Kentucky Pack Horse library service of the 1930s, *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* is a story of raw courage, fierce strength, and one woman's belief that books can carry us anywhere—even back home. Ron Rash, New York Times, shares, "A fascinating novel ... the factual information alone would make this book a treasure, but with her impressive storytelling and empathy, Richardson gives us so much more."

## Ponder for a moment...

*Trust in Him at all times, O people pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us (Psalm 62:8 NAS).*

Want to do things your own way? Do you truly trust Him? Consider a time when you did truly trust Him and thank Him again.



# Zone Notes

## Central Zone—Vicki Schmidt

Central Zone Spring Event - Saturday, March 7, 2020 at Peace Lutheran Church in Filer, ID. The program will be based on the 2020 Prayer Service *Living in Love, Bearing Fruit*.



## Yellowstone Zone—Betty Oloff

Hello from the Yellowstone Zone. As I write this, schools have been cancelled all around us because of the weather. Our daughter, in tenth grade, and I, part-time at Hope Lutheran, are having a wonderful day not going anywhere.

Hopefully, the weather will cooperate on Saturday, March 7, when ladies from the Yellowstone Zone are invited to Grace, Pocatello for the Spring Zone Event. There will be Bible Study and an hour of packing meals, organized by people at Grace to donate to people in the area who do not have enough food. The goal is to pack 6,000 meals at a cost of about \$10,000, working with the program called "Meals of Hope". Our help will be greatly appreciated.

A team of enthusiastic ladies met before Christmas to begin planning the zone retreat at Camp Perkins, July 17-19. Pastor Pay, from Hope in Idaho Falls will lead the Bible Study. Caryn Elliott's husband will lead the music. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

God's blessings on your Epiphany season.

Looking forward to new insights He has for us as we continue for read His Word and listen to His teaching, Betty Oloff

## Western Zone—Sherrie Prien

"Living in Love, Bearing Fruit" (John 15:16) the 2020 LWML Prayer Service will bring the women of the Western Zone together for our Spring Event on Saturday March 14, 2020, at Faith Lutheran Church in Mountain Home, ID. Registration 9-9:30 \$3.00 (suggested donation) Lunch will be provided.

Ingathering will benefit Elmore County Domestic Violence Council item to include: peanut butter, unsweetened applesauce, cereal, nuts, seeds, canned food all with pull tab lids (fruit, vegetables, tuna, chicken).

PLEASE NO EXPIRED FOOD

Babysitting available, please contact Mary Jane Kellerman (208-590-3441)



## Utah Zone—Merridith Moodie

March 28 at Holy Trinity in Logan, Ut.



## Educational Grant

If you know of someone who is going into church work and will be receiving his/her first call in the spring of 2020, please let me know. The applicant's home congregation should be in the Utah-Idaho District. Applications are due by May 31, 2020.

More information can be found at [utahidaholwml.org/education-grant-opportunity](http://utahidaholwml.org/education-grant-opportunity).



## YWR Corner

Our Utah-Idaho District Convention is coming up April 24-26, 2020 in Boise, Idaho. I am asking all LWML ladies to be on the lookout for young women age 22-35 who would benefit from being a Young Woman Representative from your congregation. Remember, these ladies have very busy lives, so they need to be asked in plenty of time so they can make arrangements with their families. If you need more information about what a Young Woman Representative is or does, please go to the LWML website at [lwml.org/young-woman](http://lwml.org/young-woman). When you have one or more young women chosen, please email their names and email addresses to me so I can contact them. The deadline is **March 1, 2020**. If you have any questions, you can contact Grace Strauch Mullinix at [gkstrauch@msn.com](mailto:gkstrauch@msn.com).



# Nominations for District Positions

Below you will find the Nominee Profiles for election of officers at LWML Utah-Idaho 2020 convention in Boise, Idaho. Nominations will also be taken from the convention floor, with the prior approval of the person being nominated.

## Vice President of Gospel Outreach—Jeannie Barrette

Home congregation is St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ogden, Utah. She has recently retired from teaching in the Dental Assisting Program in Ogden. LWML Service: District Vice President of Servant Resources, Albuquerque Convention Host Committee, co-chairman of 2019 Camp Perkins Retreat, and chairman of several church retreats.



## Vice President of Servant Resources—Tonya Barber

Home congregation is Zion Lutheran Church, Nampa, Idaho. She is employed as the Admissions Director at Zion Lutheran School in Nampa. LWML Service: Tonya has served her local society as President, Vice President and Secretary. On the Western Zone level she has served as Secretary. For the District she has held the office of Vice President of Gospel Outreach, the registrar for Camp Perkins Retreat and 2012 Utah-Idaho District Convention, and will serve as the registrar for our convention this year.



## Vice President of Communication—Nancy Almodovar, PhD

Home congregation is Faith Lutheran Church, Mountain Home, Idaho. She is a Professor of World Religions at Park University. As an author and speaker she maintains a strong social media presence and has an online blog. Through the use of social media she is extremely versed in communication with believers and unbelievers. LWML Service: She has been a member of LWML for the past two years but has held no positions with the LWML to date.



## Vice President of Communication—Caryn Elliott

Home congregation is Grace Lutheran Church, Pocatello, Idaho. She works with her husband at Elliott Color Box Media where she is media buyer, social media manager, bookkeeper, and office director. She is also publicity chair for the Pocatello Centennial Rotary Club. LWML Service: She is currently the Editor of the *U&I Together*. She has also served as interim Society President and was selected to attend the National LWML Assembly of Leaders (AOL) seminar, giving her the opportunity to travel to all the zone events to present leadership highlights. She has served at Camp Perkins in many different positions and has planned retreats for ladies in other congregation. Her degree is in Mass Communication.



## Secretary—Linda Maul

Home congregation is St. Paul Lutheran Church, Ogden, Utah. She works part time as a Registered Dietitian in long term care and rehab facilities. LWML Service: Linda has served in her local society as President, Vice President and Secretary. For the Utah-Idaho District she served as the Food Service Chairman for the 2017 National Convention in Albuquerque and co-chaired the 2019 Camp Perkins retreat.



## Financial Secretary—Kathleen (Kathy) Carlson

Home Congregation is Immanuel Lutheran Church, Twin Falls, Idaho. LWML Service: She has been involved with LWML since retiring in 2015. Kathy has held no LWML office but she and her husband count the offering at church once a month. Prior to retiring she was a Production Kitchen Manager for her local school district and was responsible for counting and balancing three sales registers daily.



# Nominations for Pastoral Counselor

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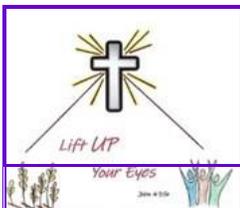
## Pastoral Counselor—Rev. Garen Pay

Home Congregation is Hope Lutheran Church, Idaho Falls, Idaho where he serves as their pastor. LWML Service: Rev. Pay has never served with the LWML but greatly admires the passion and faithfulness of the LWML. He wishes for the rest of the Synod at large to see the LWML for what it really is: "a faithful organization of women from all ages that enjoy fellowship together around the Word of God and raises millions for the sake of the Gospel and the needy."



## Pastoral Counselor—Rev. Steve Barckholtz

Home Congregation is Clover Lutheran Church, Buhl, Idaho where he serves as pastor. LWML Service: Although Rev. Barckholtz has not held a position with the LWML, he has served at Circuit Counselor, member of a Mission Action Committee and is currently the Magic Valley Circuit Visitor. He states ". . . every day and deed should reflect JOY in the people around us so they also learn of Jesus' love and grace."



## Convention Notes



### Bylaws Amendments Coming Your Way!

Bylaws amendments will be on the agenda at convention. Some changes are to conform to national LWML. For example, they are now using **group** instead of **society**; we've changed the terminology in the bylaws too. Other changes are to conform to our current practice. For example, we ask the Vice President of Special Focus Ministries to coordinate the District's YWR and H2H (Heart to Heart) Sisters programs, now that will be listed in her duties. A list of the proposed changes may be found at <http://www.utahidaholwml.org/bylaws.html>; a markup of the bylaws showing the exact wording of every proposed change is at <http://www.utahidaholwml.org/proposed-by-law-amendments.html>.



What to do with your old eyeglasses?  
Don't throw them away...  
**Donate Today!**

### MOST OPPORTUNITY

WE **NEED** YOUR ...

... old prescription eyes glasses! Do you have some old ones lying around the house gathering dust? If you don't, perhaps your friends and relatives do. One of our 2020 District Convention's ingathering projects is to support the Eye Glass Ministry for **MOST** (**M**ission **O**pportunities **S**hort **T**erm). **MOST** provides recycled eyeglasses to people living in the developing nations around the world. First of all, organizations across the US collect and send used eyeglasses to them, where they are then sorted, tested and repackaged by volunteers for distribution on the mission field by their team members. Please help someone in the world have access to 2020 vision while also hearing the Good News of God's love and saving grace through this ministry. Donations can be given to any LWML member.

## Registration Form

Utah-Idaho District LWML Convention, April 24-26, 2020  
 Concordia University School of Law  
 501 W. Front Street; Boise, ID 83702 (entrance on Broad Street)

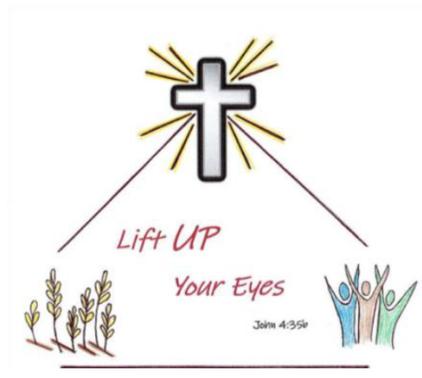
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Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Zone \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_



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**Registration Category** (check only one)

- General Registration
- Voting Delegate
- Voting District Board Member
- Non-Voting District Board Member
- Past District President
- Young Woman Representative (YWR)
- Pastor

**Interest Sessions**, one during lunch and one during dinner. Choose 2. (Note: YWRs are invited to attend Karla Koehler's lunch session.)

- Missionary Journeys by Kay Kreklau
- LWML Representative: Karla Koehler
- Bible Study with Beth Foreman
- From Jerusalem to Samaria to Your Cul-de-Sac with Dr. Nancy Almodovar
- Stretching for Strength with Leslie Wills

**Lunch Sandwich** (circle one) Turkey Ham Veggie (served with salad, fruit, cookies).  
 (Dinner is buffet – pulled pork or turkey, coleslaw, beans, rolls, dessert)

Special dietary/physical needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you attending your first District Convention? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Cost** (includes lunch and buffet supper on Saturday)

Early Registration (postmarked by April 10)	\$65	\$ _____	
Registration (postmarked after April 10)	\$75	\$ _____	
Additional Family Member (meals only)	\$35	\$ _____	
Total amount due		\$ _____	No refunds after April 10

Make checks payable to: **Grace Lutheran Caldwell**

Send registration form and payment to:

**Barb James**  
 2812 E Ohio Ave.  
 Nampa, ID 83686

Registration questions? Email Tonya Barber at [tmlbarber@msn.com](mailto:tmlbarber@msn.com)

General questions? Email Betty Reimann at [breimann65@gmail.com](mailto:breimann65@gmail.com)

Individuals are responsible for their own lodging. A block of rooms has been reserved at the **Hampton Inn & Suites**, 495 S Capitol Blvd.; Boise, ID 83702. 208-331-1900. **See Additional Registration Information page for details.**



Utah-Idaho District LWML Convention, April 24-26, 2020

## ADDITIONAL CONVENTION INFORMATION

### Interest Sessions

#### Kay Kreklau – Missionary Journeys

Kay served as our LWML President from 2011-2015. During that time she was blessed to travel to the Dominican Republic to witness firsthand how our Mites blessed lives there. Her presentation will show how our mission dollars are working to bring more and more to know Jesus.

#### Karla Koehler, LWML Treasurer

Karla is a member of the Nebraska North District, a mother of two grown children, and a “purple grandma” according to her grandson! Karla’s first session, during lunch, will be with YWRs and group (society) presidents. The dinner interest session is open to all convention participants. Karla will share her story and how she became involved in the LWML. She will share how God uses her every day even in the accounting profession. Her vision for the LWML is to help bring God’s women together to serve our families, churches, communities and world as we show the love and light of Jesus Christ as we love and support one another.

#### Dr. Nancy A. Almodovar — From Jerusalem to Samaria to Your Cul-de-Sac

Jesus taught us to go out into all the world with the Gospel (Matt 28:18-20), and now the world is in our own cul-de-sac and often at our doorstep. Never has the world been closer to us and our own neighborhood. Mormons, Muslims, Sikhs and Hindus are now our neighbors. This session will educate you as to their beliefs and equip you to share the good news of salvation by grace alone in Christ alone. Do you know what they believe? How do you present the gospel to those of other faiths? What is the most important message they need to hear? In this breakout session you will be given the tools and will be taught how to use them to bring life and salvation to your neighbors from around the world.

#### Beth Foreman — Bible Study: Sipping from a Mirage

Optical illusions, mirages, and even social media. Can we trust what we see? We live in a fallen world where our eyes can easily be tricked into seeing what’s not there. Or seeing what we shouldn’t see. Or seeing what we think we want to see. We know we should lift our eyes to the Lord, but every single day, our eyes deceive us. In this session, we’ll take a look at these tricks and illusions as we open God’s Word. What does it mean to have “spiritual eyes” in this illusory world?

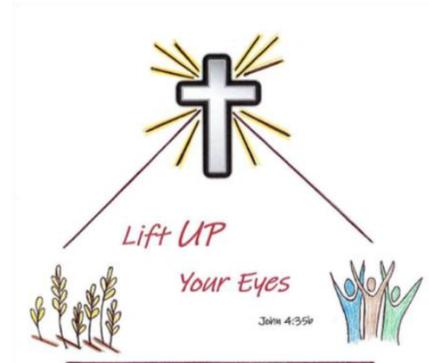
Beth Foreman began her LWML service years ago in the Utah-Idaho District and now lives in Michigan. She’s a writer and editor who served for ten years on *The Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly* staff.

#### Leslie Wills – Stretching for Strength

Leslie is a wife and mother, a yoga instructor, and personal trainer at XrossWay Fitness in Twin Falls. During this session, you will learn about the gentle practice of stretching using the support system of a chair. This practice can improve your flexibility, concentration, strength, while boosting your mood, and reducing stress and joint strain.

### Servant Activity

Materials will be provided to assemble Health kits for Orphan Grain Train and MOST Witness Bracelets.



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## Gifts from the Heart Ingathering

Please bring items with you on Saturday morning to Concordia School of Law

- Eye glasses, children and adult – MOST Ministries (Prescription glasses and also all reading glasses – especially +1 correction)
- Hygiene items, paper products, women's pajamas – Boise Rescue Mission
- Diapers – any size – Women and Children's Alliance (WCA) Boise

## Fellowship Walk

Take some time to walk with your friends and enjoy the scenes of downtown Boise after the Saturday business session.

## Locations

### Friday Evening Worship & Reception

#### Friendship Celebration

765 East Chinden Blvd.  
Meridian, Idaho 83646

Worship/ Service – 7 p.m.

**All are invited**



### Saturday and Sunday

#### Concordia School of Law

501 W. Front Street  
Boise, ID 83702

Entrance on Broad Street,  
South side of building



### Convention Hotel

#### Hampton Inn & Suites

495 S. Capitol Blvd.  
Boise, ID 83702  
208-331-1900

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/boidnhx-hampton-suites-boise-downtown>

Free hot breakfast and Wi-Fi, exercise room, indoor pool & hot tub.

Please make your hotel reservations online or by calling the hotel. Standard room with 2 queen beds is \$134 + 13% tax. Reserve room before **April 3** and say you are with LWML to get this rate.

**Parking:** \$15/day with In-and-Out privileges. Enter parking garage from Capitol Blvd. or Myrtle Street.

If you are dining in Boise Friday evening, restaurants in this area include

- **Fresh Healthy Café** (860 W. Broad Street)
- **Chipotle Mexican Grill** (305 S. 6th Street)
- **Panda Express** (601 W. Front Street)
- **Form and Functions** (Special coffees, across from Concordia Law School)



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