



# U & I Together

## **In Mission Points with Pastor Stephen**

**Rest, Salvation & Strength**

***For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength (Isaiah 30:15).***

We have heard the phrase, "a rose among thorns". The prophet's words recorded in Isaiah 30:15 are surrounded by the sharp, pointed charges of God upon His rebellious people. Doesn't our experience with the gift of Holy Communion bear out these beautiful words? The Holy Spirit leads us in repentance, leads us in turning from our own ways, and repentance drives us to come to the table, to kneel and to receive. In bread and wine Jesus shares His very body and blood given for the remission or cancellation of all our sin debt. We rest in the promise of Jesus that we hear with our ears, and touch with our hands, and taste with our mouths. Our sin *is* removed from us, and there is life! That quiets our hearts and minds. What rest, what quietness, what strength is found is this gift in which Jesus serves himself to us! Indeed, Jesus joins himself to us, and we walk from the rail united to him.

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, it is easy to be disquieted in this stress-filled life. Return rest to me. Return quietness to my moments. Return trust to my heart. Return strength in you. In your love delivered I cling. I rejoice to hear, and to touch and to taste your most certain promises. Amen

### Mark your Calendars!

Western Zone Event  
October 5, 2019  
Good Shepherd Church  
Boise, ID

Central Zone Event  
October 6, 2019  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
Jerome, ID

Executive Committee  
Meeting  
October 11-12, 2019  
Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Twin Falls, ID

District Convention  
April 24-26, 2020  
Boise, ID



### Gifts of Love Ministry Update

Gift Planning Counselor, Linda Gage, has announced the retirement of Pat Bilow, founder of the LWML's Gifts of Love (GOL) Ministry. In Pat's letter to the Planned Giving Advocates, she said, "I wanted to work as a gift planning counselor until God calls me home. However, just as Scripture says, "We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps." (Proverbs 16:9)

The Planned Giving Council is now called Planned Giving Committee to conform to the other LWML committee names. The LWML Treasurer Karla Koehler is the chairman. Other committee members are Ginger Starrett, LWML Secretary; Linda Reiser, LWML Past President; and Rebecca Bessell, Eastern District's GOL Advocate.

Our Lord has given us many resources to grow His kingdom and to multiply His ministry. Please contact me if you are eager to hear more about how you can be a part of this ministry through planned giving.

Lois Anderson, Planned Giving Advocate  
Utah-Idaho District

### 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,

Being a leader has its ups and downs. Have you been in a position where you looked for direction and felt you were wandering around and a little out of control? Well, take heart! If we want complete certainty of our leadership events, then we are not being led by the Spirit.

We do not lead God; He leads us. And when we give up control, we can feel a little uncertain. By keeping our eyes on Christ and with the Spirit's encouragement, we are led to make decisions and we are held accountable. And praise be to God, He works out the details! My Bible verse I chose during my first biennium as LWML Treasurer is from Galatians 5:25, *Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.* These words helped me then as they do now; I pray they will help guide you as well.

Love and blessings,  
Lois

## Where is God Moving around you?

Our congregation is working through the Red Letter Challenge by Zach Zehnder. Through this 40 day challenge, God is transforming our view of what it means to actually do what Jesus said to do. We are learning to truly walk in His ways more than ever before.

Kristina Parker  
Grace Lutheran  
Pocatello



God takes care of us every day and surrounds us with people who really care. My husband just had back surgery and is very limited. We've had so many people calling and asking us to let them help. We live in a small mountain community and are blessed with wonderful people around us. Also, I pray every day that His light will shine through me, so I can be a blessing to someone.

Melody Rosenwinkel, VP Christian Life

We brought my 93-year-old father-in-law from Iowa to Idaho in July. He has a very hard time walking and missed naps while on the two-day drive. We stopped in Cheyenne, WY to look for a motel. The only rooms in the motels we tried were one on the third floor with no elevator, and one that was too small. We made a few more stops. It got later, and my husband said we had better go back to the one on the third floor. My father-in-law would not have made it up the three flights of steps. We went to the desk, and the lady said she had a cancellation on the first floor, the perfect room. The next morning, checking out, I asked the desk clerk if he believed in Jesus and told him about the room last night. He said, "God answered your prayer," and I said, "He answered yes this time," because sometimes He says wait or no.

Betty Oloff, Yellowstone Zone President

### CALLED TO SERVE

April 2020 will be our District Convention in Boise and election of District Officers will be held. The following positions are open:

Vice President of Servant Resources  
Vice President of Gospel Outreach  
Vice President of Communication

Secretary  
Financial Secretary  
Pastoral Counselor

Perhaps you know of someone that you believe would be a good fit for one of these positions. You can obtain a Nomination Form from your Zone committee member or from me. They will also be available at your Fall Events. Please contact the person you have in mind to see if they would prayerfully consider running for office and if they consent, then fill out the form and submit to your Zone committee member or me.

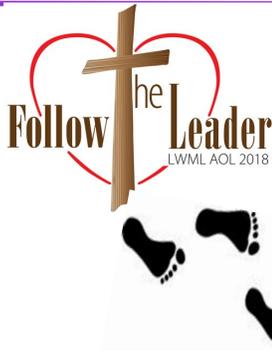
If you feel called to possibly run for one of these offices yourself, please contact the following person in your zone or you can contact me directly. You will be provided with additional information such as job description, Nominee's Consent and Biography Form.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Central Zone, Peggy Gull, [peggygull@hotmail.com](mailto:peggygull@hotmail.com)  
Yellowstone Zone, Nan Mueller, [relleumen@yahoo.com](mailto:relleumen@yahoo.com)

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Western Zone, Terri Bentley, [terribentley57@yahoo.com](mailto:terribentley57@yahoo.com)

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**Fall Events are hosting the U&I Huddles!**

**Sherrie Prien( Western Zone)**

The Utah-Idaho Leadership Team will be presenting the program “Follow the Leader,” based on the scripture verse, *What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you* (Philippians 4:9). They will be bringing ideas and activities that will help us learn and share LWML. Come prepared to experience LWML in a new and exciting way!

Ingathering will benefit City Light Women’s and Children’s Homeless Shelter in Boise. Each Society is being challenged to bring new bedding for twin beds, (includes set of sheets, mattress pad, quilt or blanket). Other items being collected are earplugs, deodorant, coffee, Chapstick

**Betty Oloff (Yellowstone Zone)**

Hello, from the Yellowstone Zone. As I write this, we are finishing the Zone event in Zion, Ashton. Caryn, Vickie, and Lois presented information from the Assembly of Leaders. Also, we in the Yellowstone Zone are starting to think about next summer’s retreat at Camp Perkins. It is our turn to plan for this. There will be plenty of things in our district to attend in 2020, with the District Convention also coming in April. May God help us see the blessings in our busy lives.

**Yellowstone Zone Event!**



**U&I Huddle time in Ashton, Idaho**



Taking Technology  
Volunteers Grant We've  
SALT Got to Essential  
Today Leadership it Basic  
Retain the Different Generations  
Streets Mission Engage  
Cultures Selection Distribution  
Structure Sharing  
Protocol Active Resources

**Mites at Work**

Dear U & I District of LWML,  
Thank you so much for your generous grant to our school for use in assisting students with scholarships. The extra \$1,000 was a nice surprise! Your generosity and God's blessings keep us encouraged that we are indeed going about His business - loving and teaching kids into His family. We just can't get over how God blesses us at times. Thank you for partnering with us. May God bless you as you serve Him with Gladness!

Clover Christian School Staff and Board of Education Members  
*The blessing of the Lord be on you* (Psalm 129:8 NIV).

Clover Christian School Grant of \$6000 paid.



Wendy Barckholtz, Larry Meyer BOE President, Naomi Hopkins, Marge Barckholtz, Pastor Steve Barckholtz (Wendy is co-administrator of the school)

