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# TIDINGS

*Lutheran Women in Mission Rocky Mountain District*

Did you attend the

**LWML Rocky Mountain District Convention  
In El Paso, Texas?**

**If not, you missed an exciting convention!**

**WOW! We hugged our sisters in Christ!**

**We laughed so hard we cried!**

**We were inspired by the Bible studies & worship!**

**The Mariachi San Pablo was superb!**

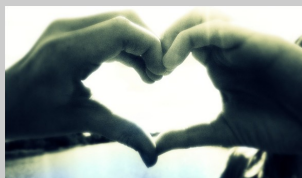
**Look inside this issue for highlights  
of the El Paso Convention!**



**Lutheran Women in Mission  
of the  
Atlantic, Eastern, English, New England,  
New Jersey & SELC Districts  
Invite YOU to the 35<sup>th</sup> Biennial LWML Convention  
June 27-30, 2013  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

## Carol's Corner

### LWML RMD 2012-2014 Vision Statement



Reach  
Everyone  
As  
Christ's  
Hands



Watch for more details about this vision statement in upcoming issues of the *Tidings*.

## *RMD Living the Grande Life!*

We spent much of the last year looking ahead to our convention in El Paso and now it is a fond memory. What a great time! So many uplifting moments!

We praise God for insights provided by our Pastoral Counselors Rev. Gary Rahe and Rev. Timothy Storck as they led us in Bible study and worship. Elaine Bickel had us laughing and crying and drawing closer to our Lord during her keynote address and in her enrichment sessions. Shari Miller, brought greetings and news from LWML and shared her passion for family during her enrichment sessions. Mary Marten's focus on LWML for our future was inspired, Pastor Rahe's "You Mite be a Lutheran" was not to be missed, and Pastor Heimer's understanding of Hispanic ministry opened doors for increased outreach. Music was joyfully shared by Beth Shroff as song leader and Mariachi San Pablo flavored our worship services with festive sounds.

A special welcome and continued note of encouragement goes out to the many first-time attendees - including Young Woman Representatives, Teen Representatives, and those in other age categories. How exciting it was to have them with us!

Make LWML RMD conventions a habit!

A huge thank you goes out to the women in Rio Grande and Pecos as hosting zones. You did a fantastic job, often working tirelessly behind the scenes to make the convention a success! Also thank you to the dedicated servants on the Executive Committee and appointed officers who planned and carried out the activities of the convention. There are just so many brothers and sisters in Christ who joyfully gave their time, shared their talents, and offered up prayers.

Look on the following pages for some great photos from this convention. Don't they make you want to start planning for our next convention in north Denver in June of 2014? (It's not too soon to start!)

So, what happens next? Please support your LWML both locally in your church and in your zone. The zones are busy planning their fall rallies. Mark your calendars and plan to attend one. Feel free to even attend a neighboring zone rally. (You might hear some great convention stories or have some of your own to share.)

We'll see you this fall!

Joy in His service,  
*Carol von Soosten*

## *Fall Rally Schedule*

- Sept. 8 - Northern Zone - Eternal Savior, Lafayette, CO  
Pecos Zone - Immanuel, Clovis, NM
- Sept. 15 - Eastern High Plains Zone - Grace Lutheran, Lamar, CO  
Western Zone - Emmanuel, Rifle, CO
- Sept 22 - Northern New Mexico Zone - Christ, Albuquerque, NM  
Southern Zone - Trinity, Alamosa, CO
- Sept. 29 - Rio Grande Zone - Trinity, Alamogordo, NM  
South Central Zone - Mount Olive, Aurora, CO
- Oct. 6 - Four Corners Zone - St. Paul's, Durango, CO
- Oct. 13 - Northeastern Zone - Zion, Holyoke, CO
- Oct. 20 - North Central Zone - Our Savior, Commerce City, CO

"Now what are we supposed to do?" I hear that quite often after zone rallies, society Bible studies, and I heard that after our recent convention in El Paso, Living the Grande Life. "Now what?"

I have to say that your EC and appointed officers put on a wonderful convention. Elaine Bickel was a wonderful banquet speaker; I noticed that President Carol was even crying from laughter. The music of the Maria-chi San Pablo is still ringing in my ears. The joining together of voices from all over the district in song and confession of the one true faith and being strengthened by the Word of God, which was preached, taught, and eaten by us was wonderful. I pray that those things strengthened you as you went back to your zones and societies.

But the question before us is, now what? We have been strengthened by the Word of God. We have been reminded of the Baptismal promises made to us by the Lord. You are for-

given and set free. You may even feel like you are on the top of the world or maybe not. You might be overwhelmed by inactive societies in your zone. You may have a zone that is eagerly awaiting the encouragement that you received at the convention. Maybe you are scared, scared because of fires that burn on the doorstep of your community. Maybe you are elated, elated over the new life given to you in Christ.

So what now? Listen to the words of St. Paul from Colossians 3:17, **And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.**

But look at the next section from verse 18 on. This is where you need to open your Bibles. Paul doesn't encourage the Colossians to run away from their responsibly at home, at work, and at church. Paul encourages them to stay and do their duty. So should we. Be a sup-

portive and loving wife in Christ forgiving your husband. Teach your children and grandchildren the One True Faith. Use your time wisely and productively at your jobs.

And support the work of the Church in and through the LWML. Encourage your fellow members in their Baptism by reminding them of what Jesus came to do for them by releasing them from the chains of sin, death, and hell and that He has raised them from the grave and given them new life. You approved new grants for the next biennium support them with your Mites and offerings.

Spend time in the Word of God and in fellowship with your fellow believers. And pray that the work of the LWML in our societies, zones, district, and synod would point people to Jesus.

Live in your foundation garment, Jesus; Live knowing that you are forgiven.

In Jesus,  
Pastor Storck  
Senior Counselor

## *Now What?*

*Pastor Storck*  
Senior Counselor

*Live in your  
foundation  
garment,  
Jesus; Live  
knowing that  
you are  
forgiven.*

# LIVING THE GRANDE LIFE

## Know Your Mission Grants

Judy Piepkorn  
VP Gospel Outreach

### Mission Grant Recipients for the 2012-2014 Biennium

	<u>Granted</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Unpaid</u>
Training African Pastors for Gospel Outreach in Africa	\$ 7,000	\$ 0	\$ 7,000
Trinity/HOPE Haiti	\$ 5,500	\$ 0	\$ 5,500
Religious Life Curriculum Illustration Costs	\$ 8,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Sunday Sermons for the Zulu of South Africa	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Food Bank	\$ 7,000	\$ 0	\$ 7,000
Rocky Mountain District – Debt Assistance	\$ 7,500	\$ 0	\$ 7,500
Concordia Early Childhood Learning Center	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Concordia Seminary Graduate School International Student Support	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Outreach Resource Centers	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Support for University Lutheran Chapel – Boulder, CO	\$ 6,000	\$ 0	\$ 6,000
Helping Blind People See Jesus	\$ 4,000	\$ 0	\$ 4,000
God's Word in Their Heart Language – Teaching the Mende to Read Scriptures	\$ 4,450	\$ 0	\$ 4,450
Fostering Faith in the Forest	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
	<b>\$72,450</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$72,450</b>

### Convention Offerings

	
<b>Offering #1</b>	<b>Mites for 2012—2014 Biennium \$ 1,943.78</b>
<b>Offering #2</b>	<b>Dual Missions—Beacon of Light and Lighthouse Mis-</b> <b>sions, Pecos Zone \$ 1,396.25</b> Offers treatment and recovery programs for substance abuse.
<b>Offering #3</b>	<b>Rey de Reyes Hispanic Ministry, Rio Grande Zone</b> <b>\$ 1,991.01</b> Offers worship opportunities, provides meals, clothing and furniture. Plans to purchase a trailer for worship services
	



## Gifts of the Heart

Men's socks 1,035  
 Women's socks 334  
 Girl's socks 774  
 Boy's socks 411  
 Men's Underwear 649  
 Women's Underwear 726  
 Women's Bras 70  
 Girl's Underwear 923  
 Boy's underwear 415  
 T-Shirts 254  
Misc. items 53  
 Total = 5,644 items



Teen Committee and Teens counting the fruits of our Gifts of the Heart

Banner blankets 10  
 Quilts 86  
 Afghans 11  
 Blankets 4



Human Care Committee: L to R  
 Mona Book, Deb Kruger, Jan Bloss &  
 Norma Thaemert, VP of Human Care



# Convention Quilt Banners





## Sweet Dreams Friday Night Social



**Happy 70th Birthday  
LWML!**



**Pillowcases Filled - 72!!!!**



**Ice cream, cupcakes, and  
pillowcases filled with love for  
Ysleta!**





## Convention Young Woman Representatives



YWRs—  
one just  
beginning  
with some  
mentoring  
from



RMD YWRs having fun!!



YWRs helping with the  
Gifts of the Heart Dedication.



Julie Lemke, RMD Committee  
on Young Women chairman  
& Shelley Stewart, COYW member.



## Convention Teens

Teen Committee members with convention teens.



Convention Teens having Fun!



Renee Lamb,  
Teen Committee Chairman.

Teens with  
pillowcases decorated  
at Sweet Dreams.







New apron available from  
LWML Catalog.



Pastor Rahe  
at opening worship.



Delightful and  
entertaining Elaine  
Bickel as the banquet  
speaker. She made  
us laugh and cry, and  
made Jesus real in  
our lives.



Four past LWML RMD presidents at convention.  
Delores Rhode, Carol Maas, Mary Marten,  
& Susan Weimer.



Mr. McFeely and Mrs. Rogers reading the  
invitation for the  
2013 LWML Convention in Pittsburgh.



Mona Book modeling the  
convention shirt for the  
2013 LWML Convention in  
Pittsburgh.



Our Sisters in Christ from San Pablo  
were a delight to visit with.

Shari Miller, national LWML representa-  
tive, enrichment session presenter, and  
speaker at the YVR breakfast.



Executive Committee choir at opening worship.



Four generations at convention.  
Clockwise: Jill Clark, mother;  
Sarah Clark, teen daughter;  
Nora Sotak, grandmother;  
Virginia Nielson, great grand-  
mother.



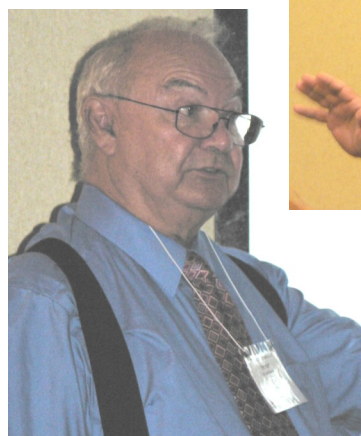


How did you get to convention?

Can you say  
"Conga Line?"  
Fun at the Friday night  
social presented by the  
Mariachi San Pablo.



Enrichment session presenters  
Mary Marten, Elaine Bickel  
and Rev. Karl Heimer.



Planner Session:  
Sharing a tip that works  
for your LWML society.



Opening ceremony

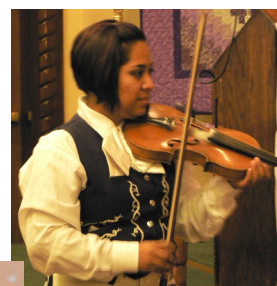


### ***New Officers 2012—2014***



Jan Bloss, Nominating Committee Chairman; Rev. Jonathan Schultz, Junior Counselor;  
Sue Mumm, Recording Secretary; Deb Kruger, VP Human Care; & Colleen Spahr, VP Christian Life.  
Not pictured is Beth Nagy, Treasurer

### ***Mariachi San Pablo***





## ***Christian Life Outgoing & Incoming***

Wasn't the RMD Convention Grande? The Ice Cream Social and the mariachi music were some of the highlights for me. It has been such a joy and a privilege to serve as your Vice President of Christian Life for the past four years.

If you didn't find the item you were looking for at the LWML store be sure to use the Rocky Mountain District Convention order form before July 23<sup>rd</sup> to take advantage of the 10% convention discount.

I know that Colleen Spahr, your new Vice President of Christian Life, will keep you informed and inspired in the coming years.

**Debbie Yocky**  
*Outgoing VP Christian Life*

In this month when we celebrate our country's freedom and liberties, we also recall that, because of Jesus, we can celebrate our spiritual freedom. "For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom." (2 Corinthians 3:17) Daily Bible study with the Spirit helps us to appreciate the freedom we have in Christ. In the summer, it is challenging to remain in the Word, as we travel and enjoy summer time activities, but finding the time to do it makes all the difference in experiencing that freedom.

**Colleen Spahr**  
*VP of Christian Life*

## ***Garden Musings on Mentoring***

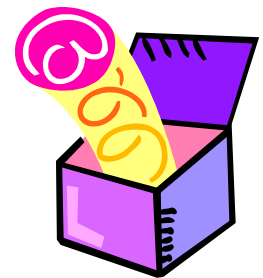
*Sue Frauenfeld*  
*Outgoing Planner*

Working in my garden, I realized that all my plants have names: Evie's Peonies, Anna's Iris, Kathy's Black-eyed Susans. I am surrounded by the memories of good friends who long ago shared bits of their plants and their lives, giving me comfort and friendship.

Sharing seems to come with friendship, but what about intentional sharing with someone we don't know yet? A little worrisome, putting those plants out for others who just might let them die. How is that like our mentoring of others who need nurturing?

I was once a transplant, new to the LCMS and LWML. I was in awe of the ladies who started from seed, raised as Lutherans, went to Lutheran schools. They seemed so strong! They reached out and helped me grow as a Christian, a Lutheran, and a woman. Then I realized many of those I admired also started as transplants, nurtured by others. Even national LWML presidents could be transplants! All have in common loving caregivers, mentors, "gardeners" who nurtured them along. How are you a mentor? Who have you "watered" lately? Happy gardening!

***Out of  
the  
Box!***



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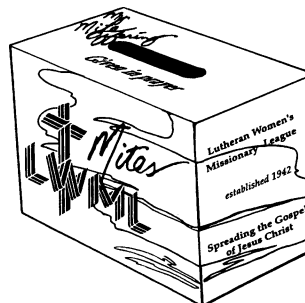
We're looking for someone with the following qualifications:

- Skills in writing and publicizing LWML events in the RMD
- Promoting LWML and RMD conventions
- Emailing news alerts

Please contact President Carol if you or someone you know would like more information.  
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