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Lutheran Women in Mission Rocky Mountain District

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



Scripture Verse: [Jesus said:] "... but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (John 4:14).

Now is the time to start planning to attend the Pittsburgh convention and get spiritually uplifted!

- HMMMM.... Finances?
- How will I get there?
- Where do I stay?
- Who can I room with?
- Is there a RMD resource to find roommates?
- Watch future *Tidings* for suggestions and ideas on getting to Pittsburgh.
- We hope to see you there!

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Carol's Corner

LWML RMD 2012-2014 Vision Statement



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*By this we know that He laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.
1 John 3:16-18*

Two years ago in the September *Tidings* issue I talked about using the 2010-2012 Vision Statement **BUILD (Build Up In Love Daily)** as a road map for RMD to follow during that biennium. For this next two years, we'll all be following **REACH (Reach Everyone As Christ's Hands)** as our road map for the biennium.

After building each other up in love, we are encouraged to spread that love to others around us. During His time on earth, Christ gave us so many examples of love where His words and actions were tied together.

We've heard many times that **love is not just an emotion, it is an action.** Christ's love in action is patient and forgiving. It shows a smile to that person in need and stops to listen to that person who is hurting. It gives us pause in the midst of a busy day to pray for our mission grant recipients and to add mites to our mite boxes in support of those grants.

In response to God's love and mercy for us, we share God's love with the world around us through our words, actions and mites.

Let's look for opportunities to share God's love and mercy in everyday situations and recommit to prayerful mite giving. Start off by being re-energized at zone rallies this fall and re-connect with sisters in Christ.

I encourage all of us to **REACH (Reach Everyone As Christ's Hands)** during this biennium. Let's keep Jesus in our hearts, His words of love on our lips, and His example of love guiding our hands.

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 - 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
Northern New Mexico Zone - Christ, Albuquerque, NM
- Oct. 20 - North Central Zone - Our Savior, Commerce City, CO

One of the many things that I appreciate and love about the LWML is its REACH. From our local societies to international mission stations the LWML has an awesome reach. During the coming biennium we will be supporting work locally at the University Lutheran Chapel in Boulder to assist them in proclaiming the Word of Truth to those attending school there. Another example of the reach of the LWML is enabling the Church to train pastors to preach the Gospel in Africa. Your mites have a mighty reach of thousands of miles.

REACH is the vision statement of the LWML RMD for the next two years, Reach Everyone As Christ's Hands." Based upon 1 John 3:16-

18: "By this we know the love, that he (Jesus) laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth." Our Lord saw us in need, in sin, and did what He needed to; He laid down His life to save ours. That is how much God loves you.

There is security in the fact that Jesus died and rose. It means that your salvation is a completed work. It means you can rest in your baptism where the forgiveness of sins and eternal life were bestowed on you. It means you can

focus on reaching out to your neighbors in love. You may bring Gifts from the Heart to your Fall Rally. You can reach by placing your mites in your mite box and sending them to the district to be used locally, nationally, and internationally to help your brothers and sisters in need. As a society you may adopt your own local mission to reach out to as well.

So let's stretch ourselves a bit in this biennium and reach a bit further in showing our Savior's love to our neighbors not just "in word or talk but in deed and truth."

Peace,
Pastor Storck
Senior Counselor

Continue to Reach

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Senior Counselor

Salted for Service LWML Sunday 2012

The first Sunday in October is traditionally set aside for the celebration of LWML Sunday. Order materials have been sent to each LCMS congregation to assist with the worship for LWML Sunday.

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, is the author of the 2012 LWML Sunday material, designed

under the theme, "Salted for Service." The service focuses on the Scripture from Mark 9:50: *Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.*

To ensure availability and delivery, all LWML Sunday orders should be ordered before September 1, 2012.

At our Risen Savior Women in Mission (Northern Zone) planning meeting, we were brainstorming the theme *Salted for Service* & thought it would be fun to serve coffee & snacks with Chex Mix & pretzels along with baked goods. Another idea was passing out Mite boxes with little bags of pretzels or a packet of salt taped to the box.



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	\$ 8,000
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
	\$72,450	\$ 0	\$72,450

Mission Grant Update

Blind Outreach Center in Ft. Collins, CO.

Many of you have asked about where we are with the Mission Grant from the 2010-2012 biennium "Opening an Outreach Center in Ft. Collins, CO - Lutheran Blind Mission." Rev. Dave Andrus reports that he is involved in "advance work" with a congregation in Ft. Collins. He is sending the material for them to talk about this fall and will then make a visit in January to invite and sign up volunteers. He thinks they are finally on the right track. Please pray for these deliberations and for Rev. Andrus while he continues to work for this mission. Lutheran Blind Mission has joined forces with Lutheran Braille Workers. This is a partnering of organizations with different strengths and contacts. The hope is that both can be instrumentally effective in doing more to share the Gospel. Please keep this endeavor in your prayers as you remember our brothers and sisters in Christ who are visually impaired.

The 2012 LWML Rocky Mountain Convention in El Paso was an enormous success for the Teen Representatives. We had a total of 5 official teen representatives and 2 registered teens. Our group had a "Grande" time making new friends, meeting our LWML sisters and growing closer to our Lord.

We kept the girls very busy during the convention. They counted the ingathering items, went swimming, did craft projects, attended Bible studies, played a dance video game, and also managed to have a sleepover.

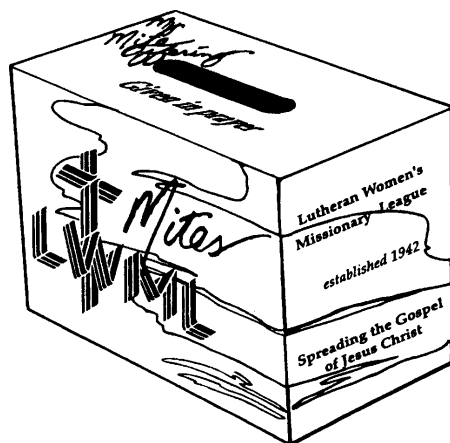
All the girls had a wonderful time.

The girls expressed to us that they really did not know about LWML. They also expressed they were a little bit nervous about attending the convention, but after this weekend they were energized to go back to their churches and gain knowledge of LWML. We believe this was our goal for the Teen Representatives and we also believe we succeeded.



Friends into Serving Him

Renee Lamb
Teen Committee Chair

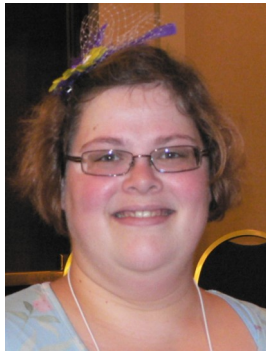


New Treasurer New Address!

**Remember to send your
mites each month to our RMD
Treasurer. Her address is:**

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Young Woman Rep's Musings on El Paso



Crystal Bishop
Western Zone YWR

The first thing I would like to do is thank the Lord and all the ladies of the Western Zone LWML for the fantastic opportunity I was given to attend the District Convention in El Paso this summer as a YWR. It was more fun than Country Jam and so enriching. I especially thank Mom, Amy Schultz and the ladies of Messiah for so sweetly "nagging" me to fill out the application.

Just driving there was phenomenal. We went through the Red Mountain Pass. It was scary with the tight curves and the sharp drop offs but so beautiful. The sunset in New Mexico was gorgeous, and such a variety of terrain in Colorado and New Mexico is proof of God's artistic skill. We also drove by a lightning storm. Yes, I mean by; it was always to the right or behind us. I got to appreciate the beauty without the danger of wet roads.

My convention time started Friday morning with meeting the other YWR's for lunch. We played some games to get to know each other, and then it was time for the opening service. We had our own YWR table off to the side of the convention floor. There were so many people; it was awesome seeing so many faces both new and known. Those ladies prove we're always God's *kids*, no matter our age. There was a Mariachi band that was a lot of fun. I'd never heard mariachi before except in movie clips; this was way better.

After dinner on Friday night, there was a servant event called Sweet Dreams including cupcakes with the convention logo on the top. Then we YWRs got together and made salty balloon stress balls while talking about our plans for the next day. The YWRs had our own exhibit area; we made, in my humble opinion, some *awesome* bookmarks to give away. They were fun to make, and it was great talking to the other girls while doing it.

Saturday was the YWR breakfast with the RMD and zone presidents where I received my Rocky Mt. District YWR pin. I'm such a total girl; I adore that cute little gold pin. I'm so wearing it to the Fall Rally in Rifle and every LWML event going forward. We YWRs did a little skit. I think we all got a little nervous about being on stage in front of so many ladies, but it was fun. The Bible studies were amazing. One of my favorite parts was when we sang as we gathered. So many different voices joined in song; it was beautiful.

I loved listening to Elaine Bickel. She was so funny. She did one of the enrichment sessions and was the keynote speaker. There wasn't a dry eye in the house after her keynote address, both from laughter and from some truly moving stories.

This was one of the greatest experiences of my life; one that I will carry with me forever. Again, thank you.

Your Sister in Christ,

Crystal Bishop

Western Zone YWR

What is Your LWML Story?

From President Carol's 2012 LWML RMD Convention Memory Book:

LWML Planner Shari Miller attended our LWML RMD Convention in El Paso as our LWML representative. During her time addressing the convention body, she shared her background and the memories that make up her personal LWML story.

As we head into this fall rally season and you meet and visit with other LWML sisters, please use this resource as a start to writing your own LWML story. It may help connect each of us to our **Savior** and **His** story and also with each other. Let's REACH out and connect.

My LWML Story ...

A Time of New Beginnings

Debbie Yocky
Planner

Fall is always a time of new beginnings for me. This fall that is especially true. My oldest child, Jon, is heading off to college in Arizona and I have a new position and new responsibilities in the LWML RMD as Planner. This is also the beginning of a new biennium. Our district has new officers, a new mite goal and new mission grants to fund.

The months leading up to the El Paso convention were a mad dash to the finish. Will we meet our mite goal? Will the ladies come to El Paso? Will the convention be a positive experience? By God's grace, we not only met but exceeded our mite goal and the El Paso convention was an uplifting and joyful experience.

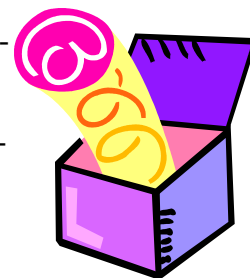
Now that we all have a few minutes to reflect and take a deep breath, let's commit to a steadier pace for the next two years. Let's begin the journey with prayer. God has a plan to use our prayers, mission service and our mites to impact the world around us.

How do we stay focused on the goal? Each of us can set personal goals. Commit to daily prayer for our mission grants. Why not choose one mission grant each week and faithfully pray for the recipients? Set a goal for your giving-a monthly dollar amount or a time limit to fill your mite box to overflowing. Does your society or circle collect mites when they meet? Discuss setting a group goal and include a mite box devotion at your meeting when you reach your goal. Your circle could "adopt" a mission grant and plan a special fundraiser to help meet the mite goal.

Start strong, pray and study the Word. God bless your time together in Bible study, prayer and mission service with your LWML sisters.

On a personal note, I will have to find a new source of coins for my mite box since Jon will be doing his own laundry. I don't think he had a clue how faithfully he supported our mite goal with his pocket change.

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

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will help you grow' in the role you have been chosen
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