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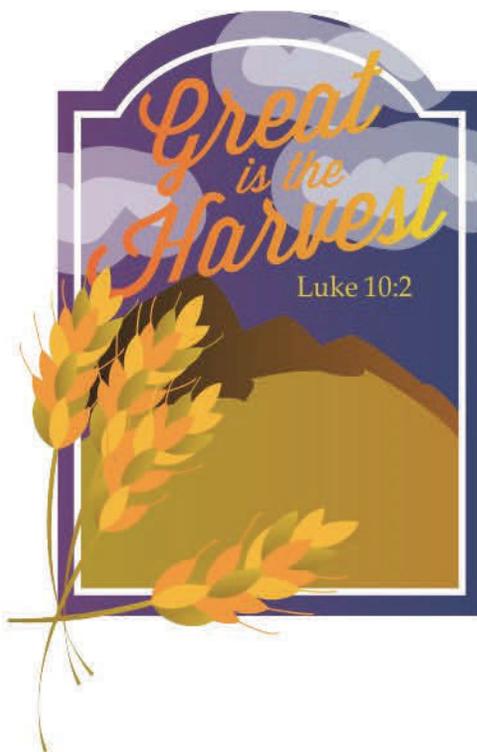
Lutheran Women in Mission Rocky Mountain District

Let's Have a Stay-cation!

You WENT,
You traveled for miles OR maybe across town,
You HEARD the Word at the convention in Pittsburg
OR in devotion at your local Rallies,
OR in Bible study at home or with a group of SIC ("Sisters in Christ"),
You SANG with Gladness and Thanksgiving...Praising Him,
You SERVED Him- through service projects and Gifts from the Heart
In June 2014.....You get to DO ALL of it AGAIN!
Plan NOW for YOUR Stay-cation!

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LWML Rocky Mountain District
June 20-22, 2014
Ramada Plaza
10 E. 120th Ave - Northglenn,
CO

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."
Luke 10:2

Convention Goal: In response to God's love and mercy, we will reach out with the Gospel.

Carol's Corner

LWML RMD 2012-2014 Vision Statement



Reach
Everyone
As
Christ's
Hands



Are you an organized person? Are you a “filer” (what I call horizontal organization in a file drawer) or a “piler” (what I call vertical organization on a surface like the top of a desk)? I’ve been told we all fall into different categories and our preferred method of dealing with paperwork might even give some interesting insights into our personality.

No matter what your style, I hope we can all agree there are benefits to being able to conduct business in an orderly way and to finding what you need when you need it.

Now if you wonder where I’m going with this, here’s your first notice of one item of business at our June convention: bylaw changes. I freely admit bylaw changes are not my favorite item of business and I am not bosom buddies with Robert’s Rules of Order, but much of what we do in LWML is improved when we go about it in an orderly, efficient manner. Bylaws help us do that.

Our LWML RMD bylaws need some updating. We’ve changed a few responsibilities, re-titled a few positions, and we will need to bring our wording in line with national LWML practices and their updated bylaws. We’ll even need to be changing the names and duties of one of our district vice presidents. I promise this won’t be too painful or time-consuming. (That is my fervent prayer!) I’ll keep you updated on this in the months to come and you’ll see the full bylaw revisions prior to the convention.

Don’t just be a “filer” or a “piler”, instead be a “reader” and a “sharer” so that we are all prepared to zip through these bylaw changes in a God-pleasing manner. Be a “participant” with your Sisters in Christ at convention and be in Northglenn in June!

Joy in His Service,

Carol von Soosten

From the President’s Notebook:

Four deadlines quickly approaching!

1. **Mission Grant** proposals due to Vice President of Gospel Outreach Judy Piepkorn by **December 1, 2013**
2. **Nominations** - suggestions due to Nominating Committee Chairman Jan Bloss by **December 1, 2013**
3. **YWR (Young Woman Representative) & Teen applications** are due to zone presidents by January 1, 2014 and to RMD Committee on Young Women Chairman Shelley Stewart and Teen Committee Chairman Renee Lamb by **January 15, 2014**.
4. **Mission Goal deadline** – All mite donations for the 2012-2014 bien-nium must be mailed to Treasurer Beth Nagy and postmarked on or before **March 31, 2014**.

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“Stir up Your power, O Lord, and Come...” So the Church prays in the Collect of the Day on the First Sunday of Advent.

Our Lord is coming. In the Season of Advent, we anticipate that coming of our Lord as a baby born in Bethlehem.

For many of us, the focus of Advent seems to be anticipation of Christmas. Our congregations decorate our sanctuaries with Christmas trees and nativity scenes. Our children memorize their lines in the annual Christmas program, with teachers hoping they remember their parts when the day comes and that the rambunctious children stay in their places. Parents and grandparents spend their days searching for the latest toys, or making them.

Our Lord is coming. But Advent isn't merely “pre-Christmas.” It's a time of anticipation and preparation for the coming of our Savior, who comes for a specific purpose: to deliver us from our sins.

The words of the hymn *What Child is This?* puts the purpose of Jesus' com-

ing into stark perspective: “Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you” (LSB 370, v. 3). That child, whose birth was hailed by angels and proclaimed by the shepherds would endure the cross for us.

Our Lord is coming. Jesus, the Babe of Bethlehem, came to be our Savior. He accomplished this thirty-some years later as Jesus went up to Jerusalem to bear our sins and die in our place.

Our Lord is coming again. On the Last Day, our Lord will return in all His glory and splendor to judge the living and the dead. On that day, the Lord will lift us from the weight of our sins and take us to spend eternity with Him.

“Stir up Your power, O Lord, and Come.” **Our Lord is coming.** Our Lord has come. Our Lord is here to deliver us.

Come, Lord Jesus

Pastor Schultz
Junior Pastoral Counselor



We welcome Samuel Zachariah Schultz! Samuel was born October 17th and weighed 9 lbs. Samuel Zachariah became a child of God on October 27th. Praise the Lord!



Clockwise L to R: Amy Schultz, Pr Schultz, Isaac, Joshua, and Samuel Schultz

Know Your Mission Grants

Judy Piepkorn
VP Gospel Outreach

Mission Grant Recipients for the 2012-2014 Biennium

	<u>Granted</u>	<u>Paid</u>
Training African Pastors for Gospel Outreach in Africa	\$ 7,000	\$ 5,000
Trinity/HOPE Haiti	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Religious Life Curriculum Illustration Costs	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Sunday Sermons for the Zulu of South Africa	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Food Bank	\$ 7,000	\$ 4,000
Rocky Mountain District – Debt Assistance	\$ 7,500	\$ 4,000
Concordia Early Childhood Learning Center	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Concordia Seminary Graduate School		
International Student Support	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,000
Outreach Resource Centers	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,000
Support for University Lutheran Chapel – Boulder, CO	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,000
Helping Blind People See Jesus	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,000
God's Word in Their Heart Language – Teaching the Mende to Read Scriptures	\$ 4,450	\$ 2,000
Fostering Faith in the Forest	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
	<u>\$71,950</u>	<u>\$50,000</u>

\$50,000

November "Thanksgiving" Update

Women in mission in the LWML – we are the recipients of all of the bounties of our Lord. He has provided, through the women of the LWML, additional Mites which work for Him. Checks will go out soon to: Training Pastors for Gospel Outreach in Africa, Religious Life Curriculum Illustration Costs, Sunday Sermons for the Zulu of South Africa and to the Concordia Seminary St. Louis Food Bank. With the distribution of these checks two more grants have been paid and of our \$71,950 goal for the biennium, \$50,000 has been paid. Our remaining balance is \$21,950 as of November 16th when the checks go out. We praise God for His blessings upon our district for the commitment of the people here despite suffering tremendous losses in the Boulder/Denver area. In your daily prayers and in your Thanksgiving prayers acknowledge God's goodness and beseech Him on behalf of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have suffered much in the flooding.

Mission Grant Update

Judy Piepkorn,
VP Gospel Outreach

Spread Christmas Joy

Debbie Yocky
Planner

Thanksgiving hasn't even arrived yet and the stores are already filled with Christmas decorations. Time is rushing by! I love Christmas but I don't want to be rushed.

When I was a child it seemed to take forever for Christmas to arrive. I remember looking at every page of the Sears catalog and turning down the corners of the pages to mark my choices. Time dragged by through the fall and early winter. Now I blink twice after Labor Day and find myself putting the Christmas decorations away.

Children experience the holiday season with wide eyed wonder and enthusiasm—singing at the top of their lungs. We often plod through the days grouchy and overburdened with worry and to-do lists. Focus on finding that child-like wonder and excitement again. Our God sent His SON into our world as a tiny baby to be our Savior. How awesome and exciting!! We need to share that “reason for the season”. Christmas is not about presents, food and decorations—it is about Immanuel—God with us. Don't get so consumed with the hustle and bustle that you miss the moment.

Christmas is a time that many people come back to church or visit a church for the first time. They are searching for something for themselves or often for their children. Welcome them warmly—without judgment. Enjoy their presence and make their visit so comfortable that they want to come back and worship with you again. Don't obscure their view of the Christ child.

We are not perfect but we can share the Christmas story and Christmas joy with everyone we encounter this holiday season. Smile, be patient with those around you, and maybe even sing a Christmas Carol. One Christmas when I was far from home visiting Japan, the sound of an organ playing a Christmas carol made a very foreign place feel very familiar. Spread Christmas Joy wherever you are this year. Wishing you Christmas Joy.

Out of the Box!



Congratulations to the following scholarship recipients

Grace Hollenbeck, Christa Lindeman, David Lindeman, Jacob Rasmussen, Karina Schlecht, and Joshua Vanderhyde.

For scholarship consideration for the fall semester of 2014, please submit a **scholarship application due by April 1, 2014**.

Application forms are available on the website (<http://www.lwmlrmd.org/>) or from Scholarship Chairman Cheryl Graves.



Christian Life

Colleen Spahr,
VP Christian Life



Christian Resources for Advent and Christmas

During Advent, plan a Christ-centered event for the women in your church. Here are some suggestions for devotions from our Christian Resources files:

- *Faith Around the Manger* – Talks about the faith-filled figures of the nativity using pieces from your manger scene. The Bible not only tells us the story of Jesus' birth, but also of the faith of the people involved.
- *Advent Biblical Treasure Hunt* – Each woman receives a gold bag with various items. Participants are given treasure hunt clues linking the items in the bag to Bible verses. The bag is a nice favor to remember the event and prepare for Christmas. Prepare bags for women who cannot attend the event.
- *The Magnificat* – A responsive reading of the Magnificat, followed by the testimony of five Biblical women who used their gifts of grace and faith to glorify the Lord.
- *Angels (Advent Devotion)* – Includes hymns and Scripture featuring angels, focusing on messages of angels preparing us for the coming of the Messiah.
- *The Wondrous Night: A Christmas Candle Lighting Devotion* – Each participant receives a candle and takes turns with Bible readings and responses. Includes hymns *Joy to the World*, *Away in a Manger*, and *Silent Night*.
- *The Message of the Christmas Tree* – Emphasizes that our Christmas customs should draw us to a whole-hearted worship of Jesus, our Savior. Tells of Martin Luther's connection to some of our customs.
- *Christmas Wrappings* – A sketch featuring a narrator, gift wrapper, baker, cleaner, card sender, and shopper. Props are readily available.

This is just a sample of what is available. For more resources go to www.lwml.org and check out the LWML Store. Contact me for more information.

LITTLE, BUT MIGHTY

What comes 30 in a small package; offers comfort, peace, joy, sometimes brings a smile and only costs \$2.50? The answer is LWML Mustard Seeds! These small packets offer "Comfort from the Psalms"; advice on "Living as a Woman in Mission"; and tips on "Living in Prayer". One, entitled "Joyful, Joyful" features well-known Christian hymns; still another asks the question, "How, Lord?"; and one is simply titled, "The Joy of Christmas". If you're the kind of person who enjoys a touch of humor and trivia, check out "Simple Trust". In other words, with such a variety to choose from, Mustard Seeds offer something for everyone. Tips on how to use the Mustard Seeds are also included in each packet. They are easy to include in cards for all occasions; can be left with your tip in a restaurant; or in your hotel room as you check out. Leave one at the doctor or dentist's office; at the hospital or nursing home; or even include one in a bill! Who knows, you may make someone's day. If you haven't tried this easy method of witnessing, then check out the various Mustard Seed packets available in your current LWML Catalog.

Judy Gordon
Christian Life Committee



2014 LWML Rocky Mountain District Convention Ingathering
 School supplies to be divided evenly between the
 Colorado West and Rocky Mountain Divisions of Orphan Grain Train

- Backpacks (new or gently used - sizes for all students)
- Notebooks (spiral and/or three ring)
- Notebook paper (wide and/or college ruled)
- Ball point pens (blue and/or black)
- Pencils (#2 lead pencils and/or colored)
- Coloring books (all ages)
- Crayons
- Watercolors and brushes
- Chalk (for chalkboards)
- Soccer balls



A variety of school supplies are available in stores now at great prices.
 Pick up your items now ~ next June will be here before we know it!



Nominations Needed!

Jan Bloss
Nominating Committee Chairman

Calling All Laborers

Have you been thinking of getting involved at the District level? Consider having your name among the nominations for President, Vice President of Gospel Outreach, or Vice President Servant Resources, or the Nominating Committee, for election at the 2014 Convention. Go to <http://www.lwmlrmd.org/> and fill out the "Volunteer Profile" under "RMD Forms" and email it to Planner Debbie Yocky, or email your nominations to Jan Bloss, Nominating Committee Chairman at nomcom@lwmlrmd.org by Dec. 1, 2013.

Servant Resources

Sylvia Bean,
VP Servant Resources

Leader Development: A great resource available through the LWML catalog is **"Inspirational Resources for Events 2013-2015." Quenched by the Water # 14223.** These are

faith-filled activities for every occasion! Included are over 125 devotions, Bible studies, icebreakers, sketches, mission servant activities, and Friends into Serving Him activities. These are great for your monthly or quarterly "get-togethers," and can be copied. Every biennium a new set of event resources are available; these are wonderful resources for use at events throughout the year.

*Inspirational
RESOURCES
for Events 2013-2015*
ADDITIONAL THEMES

*Quenched!
by the Water*

Faith-filled activities for every occasion!

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14223

Have you tried the resource from the LWML Structure Committee: **"Savvy Meetings: A Pop Quiz?"** It's a fun game to test basic parliamentary knowledge for meetings. As you learn, watch your meetings become shorter and more efficient!

Remember to send your mites each month to our RMD Treasurer.

Her address is:

LWML RMD
Beth Nagy, Treasurer
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Louisville, CO 80027



Have You Renewed Your Quarterly Subscription?

Subscriptions for *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* have been declining in numbers nationally, as well as in the Rocky Mountain District. LWML continues to work to provide the *Quarterly* at the most reasonable price for this type of publication which includes news, Bible studies, products, and more. As subscriptions continue to decline, the cost of production gets more expensive. We would like to continue our support of the *Quarterly* by making sure each society is able to renew their subscription in a timely manner. A new subscription begins with the Summer issue of 2014, and must be ordered and paid to LWML RMD by the end of February 2014. The price continues presently to be \$5 per copy, or \$6.50 per copy for orders less than 10. The form below is also available on our website at lwmlrmd.org.

Reading the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* is a certain way to stay up on the news of LWML. We would rather LWML not have to decide to only provide online copies of the *Quarterly* due to the decline in orders and the rise in costs.

ORDER FORM FOR LUTHERAN WOMAN'S QUARTERLY
PLEASE REMIT NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 28, 2014

Society Name _____
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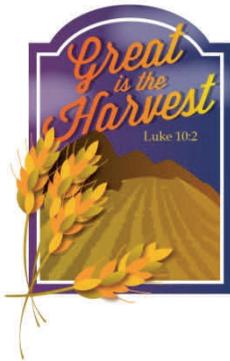
Questions/comments, contact Beth Shroff @
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September, 2013

Teens in 2014!



Dear LWML Sisters,

It is a wonderful time to be a teen in the Rocky Mountain District! Our Rocky Mountain District Convention, June 20- 22, 2014 in Northglenn, Colorado, will include all teens registered for the convention to be a part of the wonderful, fun filled, awe-inspiring teen program.

The registration process is very simple. A zone may pick a teen to represent their zone at the convention or teens may simply register. The age requirement for the teen program is 14- 17. There is a Teen Zone Representative Application and Teen Information Form available.

Teens are eligible to submit a Zone Representative application to their Zone President by January 1 and each zone's Executive Committee will then pick a Teen Representative. The name and a copy of the application will then be submitted to the Teen Committee Chair, Renee Lamb, by January 15, 2014.

Teens that are simply registering can submit an Information form so the Teen Committee can get to know them. This can be sent to the Teen Committee chair, Renee Lamb, at teens@lwmlrmd.org or submitted at the registration table at the convention.

Please note that each teen will room with her mother, society members or zone members. The teens will not be assigned rooms with other teens. Also, each teen should be prepared to attend all convention sessions and participate in all other activities planned for the teens from the district. Please remind any teen attending the convention to dress appropriately.

I am excited to work with the teens of the Rocky Mountain District as we build the foundations of our future. If you have any questions or concerns about the teen program please contact me.

Your Sister in Christ,
Renee Lamb
Teen Committee Chair
teens@lwmlrmd.org



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Prayer requests:

- God's blessings on Society, Zone, District, and National officers that they may use their gifts in service to Him!
- That our Mission Goal be reached prior to the March 31, 2014 deadline so that all mission grants may be completed.
- God's guidance for the planning and implementation of the 2014 LWML RMD convention, that all may be done to the glory of the Lord.
- Thanksgiving for blessings that come from our Lord each and every day.

LWML Teen Representative Application Rocky Mountain District

Name _____ Age _____

Birthdate _____ Baptismal Birthdate _____ Current Grade _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____ Phone Number _____

Church name and Address _____

Zone _____ Zone President _____

Please answer each of the following on a separate sheet.

Remember your application is due to your Zone President by January 1, 2014

1. The purpose of "Friends into Serving Him" is that of friends working in service to the Lord. How do you apply this in your life?
2. What type of activities are you involved in at church and school?
3. What do you know about the mission and ministry of LWML?
4. Why do you want to represent your zone as a Teen Representative at the District Convention?
5. As a Teen Representative, you will be asked to attend all the conventions sessions and other organized activities for teens. Your free time will be limited. Are you willing to participate fully in all these activities?
6. After attending the District Convention, how would you get your friends involved in a "Friends into Serving Him" group?
7. Ask someone who knows you well to write a reference letter explaining their relationship to you and why they feel you would make a great Teen Representative.



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NEED HELP IN SENDING ZONE DELEGATES, ZONE YWR'S AND TEENS TO THE CONVENTION?

Bake cakes and pies and have an auction! I know an RMD society that made \$800 for the work of their society. Give it a TRY!

Just one way to raise funds to send your ladies to the 47th biennial convention of the LWML-Rocky Mountain District, JUNE 20-22, 2014.

*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 the harvest." Luke 10:2*

Do you have an idea or suggestion on raising funds? Let me know and I'll help spread the word.

Beth Weber, Public Relations Director publicrelations@lwmlrmd.org