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Northglenn, CO

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WOW...where did December go? Yes, we were busy. We planned, we prepared, we bought gifts and celebrated in the JOY of Christmas. You have had a couple weeks to sit and reflect on the wonderful memories of the smiles and stories shared with friends and family.

NOW, you have the opportunity to THANK God for His Love. YOU can: Plan on being at the 2014 LWML RMD Convention, Prepare your heart to grow in faith, bring your GIFTS of mites and gifts from your heart for others AND Celebrate again the JOY of knowing Christ has come...with your Sisters in Christ! WOW!

(Did you sing 'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing'? Wait til you hear all your SIC singing together at the Friday night worship service!) The 'seed' of Promise has been given...come to the 2014 LWML RMD Convention and see it 'scattered' in the mission fields and 'grow' as we Serve Him with Gladness...our gift to Him.

Carol's Corner

LWML RMD 2012-2014 Vision Statement



Reach
Everyone
As
Christ's
Hands



Will you be attending the LWML Rocky Mountain District Convention June 20-22 in Northglenn, CO?

Come celebrate with your sisters in Christ in the RMD. Look for details in other sections of this newsletter highlighting the great worship services, Bible studies, and enrichment sessions planned for the convention. Don't miss "Great is the Harvest". There will be something of interest for everyone – no matter your age, experience, or service background.

Certain questions come up at each convention. I'm devoting my article this month to highlight a few of them:

1. Why is there a registration fee? Registration fees cover the expenses of the convention like room and table charges, audio visual equipment rental, 20% service charges, and speaker honorariums.

2. Why should I stay at the convention hotel rather than another location? Aside from the convenience of staying right where our convention is held, our contract with the Ramada is based on reserving 102 rooms for lodging. Your room reservation helps us meet our contract and means no additional charges for meeting room rental (saving LWML RMD many thousands of dollars).

3. Why should I buy a meal package? We work hard to negotiate reasonable meals with the convention hotel. Similar to the lodging rooms, we contracted to purchase a certain amount of food and beverage items.

4. Why is there business during our time together? This is the only time during the 2014-2016 biennium the Lutheran Women's Missionary League of the Rocky Mountain District will meet to conduct business. We will vote on a new mission goal, elect new officers, select new grant recipients, and update our bylaws.

5. Why is convention registration available on paper in this issue and online at www.lwmlrmd.org? Some people like the ease of doing their registration online on their computer. Others prefer to see the paper version of the registration form. We wanted to make both formats available so everyone is comfortable registering.

6. Why should I REALLY plan to go to this convention?

- ◇ Grow during Bible studies and worship times
- ◇ Hear stories of hope, healing, and faith
- ◇ Experience uplifting music
- ◇ Laugh with other women who share your faith
- ◇ Spend time with the One who wants you to experience "Great is the Harvest"

Your sisters on the Executive Committee work hard to locate comfortable, attractive hotels while also keeping costs down. Please keep these dedicated servants in your prayers as they finalize convention details.

Prayer requests: LWML RMD Board of Directors meet February 21-22. Prayers would be appreciated for safe travel, God's guidance on the work of the district, and growth in each individual's faith while attending training.

Make your plans, continue your fund-raising ideas, and register for a GREAT time in Northglenn in June!

Joy in His Service,

Carol von Soosten

As a pastoral counselor for the LWML I'm asked a number of questions. How do we get our pastor involved? Do you have any ideas on how to encourage a struggling guild? Pastor, could you please make sure this devotion is sound? But there is one question that stands out more than the rest, how do we involve the young women in LWML?

I'm not a young woman, obviously, and I don't know or have all of the answers. But still being young, relatively speaking, I hope I might be able to shed a bit of light on the subject matter.

If you are a young woman, don't let your age discourage you from participating in LWML activities or other areas of service in your congregation. People are going to look down at you when you are 20 or 89. Either you are too young and aren't doing it right or you are too old and need to get out of the way. In fact my namesake, St. Timothy, was despised for his youth. As St. Paul wrote in 1 Timothy 4:12, **Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.** We don't know how old Timothy was exactly but there is the possibility that he may have been in his 40's even AND they were still looking down on him.

Yet St. Paul instructs Timothy to use his conduct to silence his critics. Watch your tongue. Do what needs to be done. Love one another, even your harshest critics. Trust in the Lord God. Be pure in your life, that your deeds would show your faith. Did that quiet Timothy's critics? Probably not. Did Timothy allow it to stop him from serving? No. Timothy carried on with his tasks in spite of those that were

giving him a hard time and so should you.

For those seeking an answer to the question, first, don't place stumbling blocks in the way of your young women. Many of these young ladies do want to be involved but they are discouraged when told they are doing it wrong or that you make the sweeping generalization that they don't want to participate. Curb your tongues! It's ok to do something a bit different than how we did it the last 40 years. Remember, you were once the young woman with novel ideas!

Second, please realize that a guild meeting in the middle of the afternoon may not work for many young women. Meeting in the evening or on the weekend might work better.

Third, invite and encourage. Love them, talk to them, and invite them to rallies, workshops, and conventions. (Did we mention that we are looking for Young Woman Reps. for the 2014 LWML RMD Convention in Northglenn?) Please understand they may not always take you up on the invitation but you can't say you didn't try.

Pray for your young women and let them know that you are. Do it in your private prayers and at guild meetings.

Young women, get involved. Do not let others despise you just because you are young and forgive those that have hurt you. For the rest of us, let us love them as Christ does, not holding their age against them but using it as a blessing.

INVITE AND ENCOURAGE

Pastor Storck
Senior Pastoral Counselor



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	<u>\$ 3,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,000</u>
	\$71,950	\$50,000



January “New Year” Update

Women in Mission in the LWML,

There has been no change in the grant money paid out since November. 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. Please encourage your society to continue to pray for the grant recipients and keep the goal for mites before our eyes.

Mission Grant Update

*Judy Piepkorn,
VP Gospel Outreach*

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

Her address is:
LWML RMD
Beth Nagy, Treasurer
PO Box 270144
Louisville, CO 80027





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



Pick up your items now ~ June will be here before we know it!



Look Who's Coming to the Convention!

Enrichment Session Leaders

Ronda Palazzari is a mixed media artist, author, licensed designer, instructor and avid memory keeper who enjoys all kinds of mediums, documenting stories, taking photographs, and compiling it all together into cohesive art pieces. She says, "I like to call my style "Uptown Antique Brie"—a little class, a little vintage, and a lot of good cheese. " Her first book, "Art of Layers" was published 2012, and her artwork has also been published in several magazines and idea books.



"Exploring Life Through Art" - Ronda loves documenting emotions and everyday moments through her art, art journals, and scrapbook pages. She'll be sharing some tips along with her story of her personal walk with our Lord.

Pastor Allen D. Anderson is our LCMS Rocky Mountain District President elected at the last convention in 2012. He also is serving as pastor of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church and Preschool in Boulder, Colorado. He has been involved in his years of ministry in local, district, synodical, and international missions on many levels - especially in Mercy.



"Mercy! What We Do In the Field!" - Your District, Your Congregation, You in the Field showing Mercy, which is your Witness, and this tells of our Life Together! Join US!

Sandy Wendelin is a DCE who has served at Bethlehem Lutheran Church for 30 years. Currently she is the Early Learning Center Administrator and Director of Discipleship. She attended Concordia University in St. Paul, Minnesota, receiving her DCE certification and Master's Degree in Parish Administration.



"Purpose-filled!" You are created on purpose with purpose to fulfill His purpose. Do you wonder what that means for you? This energetic session will explore how God uniquely created you to make an impact for Him.

Beth Weber feels blessed to be a child of God and blessed to have married into the LCMS 48 years ago. Beth has served the LWML RMD on many levels including society, zone and district.



Laura Raben is the promotions coordinator for the Lutheran Church Extension Fund in the Rocky Mountain District. A self-proclaimed computer nerd, she enjoys building websites like lwmlrmd.org and spending time on social media sites.



"Sowing Seeds of Communications" - Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Pinterest, Tumblr, Vine, Blogging – What's it all about? With the continued growth of social media and web-based technologies, we have an ever-increasing number of ways to communicate with our friends, family, fellow LWML members, and community. In this session, we will look at some of the ways we can sow seeds of communication and how the LWML is using social media (Facebook) and "News You Can Use" PR notices to keep its members across the vast Rocky Mountain District in the "know."



Rev. Gary Timm is the Administrative Pastor at Gethsemane Lutheran Church and School in Northglenn, CO. Prior to seminary, Pastor Timm served as missionary at large in New York City with the Apple of His Eye Mission Society; one of the LCMS Jewish Mission organizations. He has spoken to thousands of people (Jews and gentiles) about believing in Messiah Jesus and has spoken to hundreds of Lutheran congregations about outreach in their community.

“The LWML and The Next Generation” – What is the next generation of ladies in the LCMS looking for in the way of mission and how can the LWML have a larger impact in their own community?

Register On-line at www.LWMLRMD.org!

A fillable form is available on-line through the LWML Rocky Mountain District website. No paper and no fuss. Go to <http://www.lwmlrmd.org> to register. Questions about registration? Email Anita Werner at awerner@elp.rr.com or call at 575-589-0275.

LWML RMD

CONVENTION

June 20-22, 2014
Ramada Plaza Hotel
Northglenn, CO

First Name: **Last Name:**

Phone:

Email:

Address Line 1:

Address Line 2:

City: **State:** **Zip:**

Country:

Check all that apply:

I am a first time attendee

I need to register my spouse

39% Complete

Convention Registration
 Rocky Mountain District Convention
 June 20-22, 2014, Ramada Plaza, Northglenn, CO

Please type or print in black ink

Badge Name _____ (Last) _____ (First)
 Mailing Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Fax _____
 Email Address _____
 Society _____ Zone _____

Check One Appropriate Category

- A _____ General Registration
- B _____ Voting Delegate
- C _____ Alternate
- D _____ Zone YWR
- E _____ Teen
- F _____ Heart to Heart Sister
- G _____ District Board Member
- H _____ District Committee
- J _____ Pastor (No Registration Fee)
- K _____ Past District President (living in District) - Voting

Registration Fees

	Fee	Total
1. Early Registration (Postmarked by May 1, 2014)	\$ 98.00	\$ _____
2. Registration (after May 1, 2014 or on-site).....	\$120.00	\$ _____
3. Spouse Registration (Name) _____ .	\$ 50.00	\$ _____
4. One-Day Attendance: Friday _____ Saturday _____	\$ 50.00	\$ _____
E-Mail (No Fee) / If Confirmation is mailed		\$ 1.00

Meals

*Complimentary hot breakfast for hotel guests

Meal Package:	\$ 85.00	\$ _____
Friday lunch for Young Woman Rep's Only	\$ 15.00	\$ _____
Friday lunch for Teens	\$ 15.00	\$ _____
Separate Meal: Saturday banquet dinner only.....	\$ 30.00	\$ _____
(If you have not chosen the meal package.)		
Total for Registration and Meals		\$ _____



You can also complete registration online at www.lwmlrmd.org.

Enrichment Sessions

- A. Exploring Life Through Art—Ronda Palazzari
- B. Mercy! What We Do in the Field—Rev. Allen Anderson
- C. Purpose-filled! - Sandy Wendelin
- D. Sowing Seeds of Communications—Laura Raben & Beth Weber
- E. The LWML & The Next Generation—Rev. Gary Timm

My choices for Enrichment Sessions are:

I _____ 2 _____



All registrants, including delegates, be sure your zone name is listed and the full TOTAL remittance is enclosed.

Incomplete forms will be returned to you. A letter of confirmation will be sent by e-mail or regular mail to all who register by May 1, 2014. This form is for **CONVENTION REGISTRATION & MEALS ONLY**.

Worship Service Transportation

- _____ I am driving to the convention
- _____ I am not driving to the convention
- _____ I need a ride to the worship service at Gethsemane
- _____ I am willing to drive others to the worship service
- I can take _____ passengers in my car.

Special Needs

Dietary _____
 Spanish Translator _____
 Signer _____
 Wheelchair Accessibility _____
 Other _____

Make checks out to LWML RMD

Send registration forms & payment to: Anita Werner, 705 Feathermoon Dr., Santa Teresa, NM 88008



Ramada Plaza Northglenn/Denver North

10 E 120th Ave, Northglenn, CO, 80233

Hotel Reservations



Room charges for the convention are:

Nonsmoking double queen on floors 1-5

Room Type	Single	Double	Triple	Quad
	\$99	\$99	\$109	\$119

Plus 9.75% room tax and any service charges made to your room.

It is your responsibility to make hotel reservations!

Hotel reservations are made *directly* with the Ramada Plaza.

Call the Ramada at **1-303-452-4100**

(not the toll free number)

say that you are part of the LWML RMD group.

One person can reserve a room and everyone in the room can still pay with their own credit card when they check in.

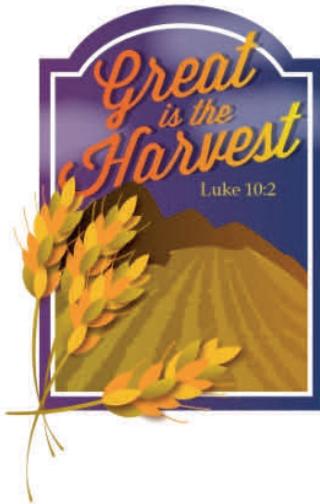


Ramada Plaza Northglenn/Denver North Amenities

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24-hour front desk • ATM/Cash machine • Accessible parking • Adjoining rooms • Alarm clock • Baggage hold • Business center | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coffee/Tea maker • Cribs • Desk with lamp • Exercise gym • Heated pool • High speed internet access • Indoor pool | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting rooms • Microwave • Refrigerator • Wheel chair access |
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Servant Resources

Sylvia Bean,
VP Servant Resources



GREAT IS THE HARVEST

We constantly are preparing. We just completed preparing for “the reason for the Christmas season.” Now we’re in the process of completing preparations for the YVRs, TEENS, and all attendees for our LWML RMD District Convention. As zone officers, society officers, and members of LWML Rocky Mt. District prepare for attending our convention in June, here are a few suggestions to help prepare for this spiritually and emotionally uplifting event!

Keep all attendees for the convention in prayer for guidance and support as they prepare for the convention. Give Glory to God for accomplishments.

Be enthusiastic about participating in the convention; it’s contagious and encourages others to “step out” to attend this exciting event!

Notify well in advance those selected to participate in a special capacity and keep new attendees and participants informed of information, activities and expectations at the convention. Help them prepare applications and forms; include them in planning for travel arrangements.

Be a skilled listener that is objective, courteous, and open-minded to the needs of all attendees, especially those convention “first-timers.” Handle conflicting views and opinions graciously, giving opportunity for expression. Give encouragement to go on talking and asking questions. Even repeating what you think the person said to help in understanding what was heard.

Welcome suggestions for additions/improvements for cultivating attendees and convention activities.

After completing all the “preparations” for the convention – now you are PREPARED to join others at the convention as we gather in response to God’s love and mercy, to reach out with the Gospel! GREAT IS THE HARVEST! See you there.



A New Year - a New Bible Study for Your Group

Your Strong Suit: Bible study on God’s Armor with Donna Pyle is again available for lending. The last group to use this study said, “They loved it. It spurs some really good conversation.” The study is 8 workbook lessons and 8 video sessions. We can also lend Donna Pyle’s new Bible study, *Overflowing Abundance: a Bible study on Jesus Feeding the Five Thousand*. This one is 6 workbook lessons and 6 video sessions. For more information, please contact me at vpchristianlife@lwmlrmd.org.



Christian Life

Colleen Spahr,
VP Christian Life

