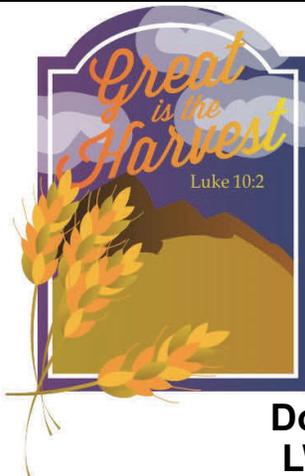




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TIDINGS

Lutheran Women in Mission Rocky Mountain District



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

Highlights include:

Donna Pyle, Bible Study Leader
LWML President Kay Kreklau
LCMS RMD President Rev. Allen Anderson and
Rev. Jonathan Schultz, Worship Proclaimers
4 Higher, Saturday Banquet Entertainment

Ronda Palazzari, President Rev. Allen Anderson,
Sandy Wendelin, Beth Weber and Laura Raben,
Rev. Gary Timm, Enrichment Session Leaders

Convention Registration Forms and Information
are available in the January 2014 *Tidings*
and on the RMD Web Site at www.lwmlrmd.org

Hotel reservations for LODGING may be made by phone:
1-303-452-4100

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KEEP YOUR
MITES COMIN' IN

March 31, 2014
is the deadline to meet
our LWML RMD
Mite Goal
of \$71,950.

Check the mission page
in this issue and the
RMD Web Site at
www.lwmlrmd.org for
grant updates.

REGISTER YOUR DELEGATES SOON

According to our bylaws, each unit
(one or more societies in the same
congregation) may send two elected
delegates for every 40 or fewer mem-
bers and one elected delegate for
each additional 20 members or major
fraction thereof.

Be sure to elect your delegates
and their alternates and register
them as such by May 1, 2014.

Carol's Corner

LWML RMD 2012-2014 Vision Statement



Reach
Everyone
As
Christ's
Hands



Go Mighty Mites!

At this time of year, two questions are on the minds of many LWML women:

1. What are the rest of the details about convention?
2. Will we reach our mite goal to fund all our grants?

1. **Convention Registration is open and waiting for you!** Spread the word so that everyone you know comes, stays, and takes part in a really fantastic convention! Look on page 1 of this issue to see all the great events and people planned for this convention. Don't miss it!

In my November article I mentioned that we'll be doing some bylaw changes. In my January article was a reminder that convention is the only time during our 2014-2016 biennium to conduct our business and pass new bylaws. Take heart, we're working to make the changes as simple and understandable as possible. Here's a preview of some of the upcoming position title changes and you'll see details about these in the May issue so all the delegates are prepared ahead of time:

- A. Delete the Vice President of Human Care title (the Human Care Committee moves under the Vice President of Gospel Outreach)
- B. Add a Vice President of Communications (to help manage our Facebook page, website, Public Relations, news alerts, the coordination of all the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* subscriptions, and our district newsletter the *Tidings*).
- C. Add the Committee on Teens as a standing committee
- D. Delete the title of Corresponding Secretary (that function isn't really being used)
- E. Add a Meeting Manager who coordinates all the details for each of the meetings during the biennium (this is in place of the Corresponding Sec.)

2. As we rapidly approach our mite deadline of March 31st and we talk about sending in all your mite offerings to help us reach our goal, it might be easy to think we are focused only on the dollars. Our mites have always been the backbone of our organization, but it's not all about the money; **it's about the mission!**

In these last weeks before the March 31st cutoff, let's increase our focus on being prayerful about mites and our mission grants. Let's ask God to lead our study of His word, our prayer time, and may He bless our mission grants and the mites necessary to complete vital programs for these grant recipients.

Joy in His service,
Carol von Soosten

Are you ready?

The days are getting longer, and the weather is starting to warm. In the southern portions of our district, Spring is already in full bloom; here in the north, we're just starting to break out of winter.

But, in many of our households, the preparations are well underway. We look outside at the snowy - or muddy - plot of yard where our gardens belong, and eagerly await the sunshine and warmth that will melt the snow and dry the mud.

Seed catalogs arrive daily in our mail, and gardeners scurry through the pages, looking for old favorites and new introductions to plant this year. Not soon enough, we'll be tilling and planting, watering and hoeing, waiting eagerly for the first harvest. That will likely be greens aplenty to make a spring salad to remind us of the bounty that is soon to come.

In just over 110 days, the women of the RMD will gather together in the prairies of northeastern Colorado (well, it used to be prairie before it was covered by suburban sprawl) for our biennial convention. There we will gather under the theme of "Great is the Harvest."

[Jesus said,] "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

Yet, as any gardener knows, there is a lot of preparations that must take place before the harvest is ready. Seeds must be carefully planted, tended, and watered. Weeds must be pulled. Some plants need to be staked or led up a trellis; others may need additional nutrients not found in the soil.

What can we do to prepare for the harvest? We can spend more time in God's Word and less time being distracted by the ways of the world. We can pray that the Lord of the Harvest would raise up laborers of all kinds - pastors, teachers, deaconess, DCEs, lay ministers, and medical professionals - to send into his harvest. We can work to support laborers with our mites and our offerings. And we can look for opportunities in our own communities and neighborhoods to share the love of Jesus with others. Need other ideas? **Come to our convention in June!**

So let's get ready! The Harvest is being prepared!

Are You Ready?

Pastor Schultz
Junior Pastoral Counselor



**Mite deadline is March 31st.
Remember to send your mites now!**

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	\$ 7,000
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	\$ 7,000
Rocky Mountain District – Debt Assistance	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Concordia Early Childhood Learning Center	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Concordia Seminary Graduate School		
International Student Support	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Outreach Resource Centers	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Support for University Lutheran Chapel – Boulder, CO	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Helping Blind People See Jesus	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,000
God's Word in Their Heart Language – Teaching the Mende to Read Scriptures	\$ 4,450	\$ 4,450
Fostering Faith in the Forest	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
	<u>\$71,950</u>	<u>\$69,950</u>



March 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. Please encourage your society to continue to pray for the grant recipients and keep the goal for mites before our eyes.

March 31 is the deadline for submitting mites for this biennium. That gives us a just a few weeks to reach our goal of \$71,950. We can do it!

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



Friday Night Worship Service and Social

Please join us as we raise our mighty voices in praise
and **COME** for the **PEACE**
as we gather at Gethsemane Lutheran Church for a Friday night
worship service to start our district convention.



Then return to the hotel for a **PIECE** of pie



**We are asking that each society
bring a pie to share with our sisters in Christ.
Don't forget to bring small paper pie plates and napkins
to share your pie.**



“Cut my pie into four pieces, I don't think I could eat eight.”

What kind of pie should you bring?
Keep in mind there is no refrigeration available for cream based pies. Village Inn and Perkins restaurants are nearby where you can buy a pie to share if bringing one isn't an option due to travel.

Look Who's Coming to the Convention!

Highlights!

LWML President Kay Kreklau knew she wanted to be a part of this wonderful organization after attending her first Assembly of Leaders in 1992. The fellowship, seeing the "big picture," and the Bible study on Moses stirred a curiosity to learn more and become more involved. Kay has held many LWML positions including all local offices, most zone offices, many district offices and at the national LWML level, she has served as Recording Secretary and on the Leader Development Committee. In 2011 at the Peoria convention, she was elected LWML President.



Bible Study Leader

Donna Pyle knew she wanted to be a part of LWML after attending her first rally in 1997. As a "Christmas and Easter" Christian growing up, she was drawn to the Christ-centered fellowship, mission focus and LWML outreach projects. As her faith walk developed, God ignited in Donna a passion to study and teach His life-giving Word. Since launching Artesian Ministries in 2007, she has authored 23 Bible studies and traveled throughout the US and internationally to teach from Scripture. Donna had held many Texas LWML offices on the local, zone and district levels. She served as the Bible study leader for the 2013 LWML Convention in Pittsburgh.



Worship Proclaimer—Friday

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.



Worship Proclaimer—Sunday

Pastor Jonathan G. Schultz is our LWML RMD Jr. Pastoral Counselor. He serves as pastor of Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Vernal, Utah and Trinity Lutheran Church in Rangely, Colorado. When he's not busy with his congregations, Pastor Schultz enjoys wrestling with his three boys; chasing chickens, ducks and the dog around the yard; and feeding copious amounts of chocolate to his wife.





Music Leader

Marlys Harp is the Music Director at Zion Lutheran Church, Brighton, Colorado. She has served in the music ministry for 54 years. She is married to her husband, Bob. Marlys is looking forward to this convention. See you there! Be ready to sing!!



Saturday Banquet Entertainment

4 Higher is a lively male quartet that blends humor and song in a unique performance experience. Based in Lakewood, Colorado, this foursome of friends has been singing together since 1989. Somehow they have managed not to age over their years together and continue to bring the gift of music and laughter to thousands.

CONVENTION TRAVEL TIPS

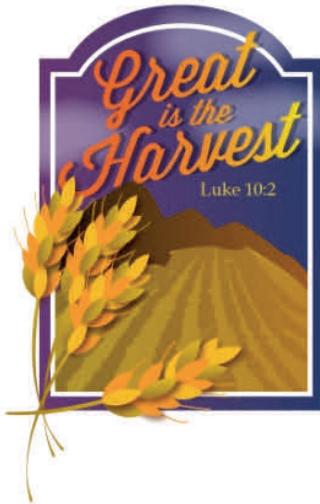
Are you getting ready for the 2014 LWML RMD Convention? Is that suitcase out and ready to be filled? Or are you a procrastinator and waiting until the last minute?

Here are some travel tips to help you in getting ready, getting set, and on your way to "Great is the Harvest" in Northglenn, Colorado at the Ramada Plaza.

- Make sure you have made your reservations--register by May 1, 2014 and save some money.
 - First pack your smile and enthusiasm!
 - Your Bible is a must! Any version will do.
 - Comfortable wardrobe. Include a light weight sweater, the temperature in the hotel may be cool.
 - Your "Gifts from the Heart" for the Orphan Grain Train ingathering.
 - Money for the three offerings.
 - A cross that has special meaning to you as it will be used in the Opening Devotion, "Lift High the Cross".
 - If you are bringing electronic "gadgets", please always carry them with you--"DON'T LEAVE YOUR ROOM WITHOUT THEM". It is best to be safe than sorry.
 - Money for tips. It is suggested that you tip the hotel staff with a nice thank you note, a Mustard Seed, and/or \$1.00 per person in the room. The staff works very hard at keeping your room clean.
 - Along with your smile and enthusiasm, HUGS will always be welcomed and appreciated.
- Come, enjoy, laugh, and learn how we can serve Him within this Great Harvest.

Christian Life

Colleen Spahr,
VP Christian Life



Servant Resources

Sylvia Bean,
VP Servant Resources

Lenten Devotions Available from LWML RMD

Lent is a time for repentance, humility, servanthood, and meditating on the events of Holy Week.

The following Lenten devotions are available from the district files:

All Eyes on the Cross – A devotion based on the seven last words of Christ from the Cross, featuring two narrators and the singing of several Lenten hymns, including *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*, *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*, *Amazing Grace*, and ending with *Crown Him with Many Crowns*.

A Candlelight Devotion: Forgiveness for Lent – Props include one cross and one large burning candle on a table or altar. Uses 2 or more readers and group response. This devotion focuses on the cross and sins forgiven. Includes suggestions for hymns to conclude the devotion.

Foot Washers (Lent) – Based on John 13:14: *If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.* Concludes with the hymn *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love* or *My Song Is Love Unknown*.

A Devotion Outline – A personal devotion to be used on the six days of Holy Week, focusing on the person of Jesus Christ, including his feet, hands, head, and side. Each day includes Scripture passages, a hymn, and a poem.

Contact Colleen Spahr at vpchristianlife@lwmlrmd.org for copies of these devotions and others. I apologize if any of you attempted to contact me using this email address and did not receive a response. We discovered recently that this RMD email was not forwarding to my personal email, but that has been corrected.

Leaders new or experienced are always looking for helpful information and resources. There is a vast array of resources that are available through the *LWML Catalog*. These can be ordered online or by mail. **Attending our LWML Rocky Mountain District Convention can provide an opportunity for you to peruse and purchase many wonderful materials.**

If you're a zone officer looking for information on the directives for your office, leadership training ideas, bylaws and structure resources, Bible studies, retreats, and sketches - there will be helpful materials for you at the convention. It's also a wonderful time to ask questions face to face with the district officers and chairmen about your society's or zone's needs (Each vice president with their committee will have a booth in the exhibit area with fun things for you to see and do).

Remember to check the resources on the LWML website on the Leader Development page: www.lwml.org and also on our Rocky Mt. District LWML website on the Servant Resources page: www.lwmlrmd.org.

Get Your Piece of Pie!

So how are you going COME for PEACE of the Lord at convention? And have a piece of pie!

Here are some ideas:

- How about "giving something up for Lent "GIVE UP, SAVE UP!!!", which begins March 5, put the savings into a jar.
- If you are getting a tax refund, put 10% in a jar for convention.
- Commit to shaving off at least \$2 a day from your overall spending next 3 months.
- How about 1 less Starbucks each week and set that money aside.
- Take your lunch 1-2 days a week instead of eating out and put that \$10-\$20 aside for convention.

How will you fill your pie box??
Don't have a pie box? Make your
own convention pie box (savings
box)! You can do it!



See the pie box?? This was given to the zone presidents at the BoD to encourage saving for the convention. I am sure you can come up with more ways to save money to get to convention. And don't forget that the LWML store will be there and many resources will be available!

Any suggestions on how to get to convention are appreciated.

Contact the tidingseditor@lwmlrmd.org

Young Woman Reps

Shelley Stewart,
YWR Committee Chairman

Do you like to stuff
your face?
Come to convention
and see the YWRs at
The Feed Trough!



Reminder that LWML RMD scholarship applications need to post-marked by April 1, 2014. Applications can be downloaded at lwmlrmd.org

Scholarship Application



JOYFUL RESPONSE

Joyful Response® is an electronic offering transfer service now available for our LWML Rocky Mountain District societies, zones and individual members to send in mite offerings. *Joyful Response*® is just like the automated or electronic transfers you may already use for loan or utility payments. This is a free service which allows direct contributions of mites from a designated account paid directly to the LWML RMD StewardAccount® with Lutheran Church Extension Fund. This service is for sending in mite offerings only, other contributions, such as delegate fund, *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* subscriptions, special gifts and the like will need to be sent by check in the usual manner. Applications will be available on the LWML RMD website or by contacting LWML RMD Treasurer, Beth Nagy.

From *Treasured News*: Reaching the mission goal only for the sake of meeting our budget is based on "law giving." Gospel motivation works because ALL of life is one of stewardship. The Bible tells us about a giving God and a receiving people. How the receiving people use all that comes from a giving God is what Christian stewardship is all about. Pray about what you will give. Stick to it.

Treasured News is a monthly publication prepared by LWML Treasurer Lois Anderson. Any zone or society treasurer who would like to receive a copy, please contact Beth Nagy to have a copy emailed to you (or if you do not have email, a printed copy will be mailed).

“HELP WINNOW CONTEST”

Yes! You read that right. Winnow has been having trouble coming up with an appropriate name for the Convention Exhibit Hall. So LWML RMD ladies she needs your help. FYI, a prize is involved for the winner.

The suggestions can be serious or whimsical, but it must be focused on our theme, “Great is the Harvest”. The LWML store and CPH are among some of the exhibitors. The contest will run from the posting of the March *Tidings* and end at midnight April 15. The name of the winner will appear in the May *Tidings*.

Well just how do I enter this contest?

- You will need to go to the website, www.lwmlrmd.org ; go to the convention page and look for the “Help Winnow Contest” link. Fill out the information requested, which will include your suggestion/s and how to contact you, then click on the submit button. The Public Relations Director will receive the suggestion (s).
- Not tech savvy, have no fear. Write your suggestion on an envelope (so it will go first class), include your name and zone. Then mail it to: Beth Weber, 3910 W. Brambling Lane, Grand Junction, CO 81506. OR pick up the phone and call Beth at 970-316-0794.

One important thing to remember, “TO WIN THE PRIZE, YOU HAVE TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION, JUNE 20-22, 2014, AT THE RAMADA PLAZA, NORTHGLENN, CO.” The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate to the convention LWML store.

The Committee on Communications will present the suggestions at the April Executive Committee meeting. The LWML RMD EC are not eligible to participate. The decision is final.

Have fun participating in the “HELP WINNOW CONTEST”!!!



I've made my reservation
and can't wait to attend
the LWML RMD convention!
Hope to see you there!



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!



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Help Wanted at the LWML RMD Convention!
Do you like to take pictures?
Lesley Nordmeyer is looking for someone to help take pictures during the convention. Ideally the person helping should not be a voting delegate.
Email Lesley at tidingseditor@lwmlrmd.org

