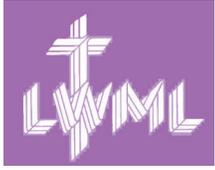


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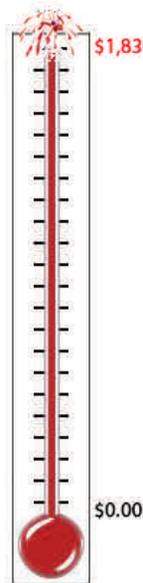
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LWML Mission Goal Reached - Thanks be to God!



The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is overjoyed to announce that the 2013-2015 Mission Goal of \$1.83 million was met and surpassed. To date, the total for the biennium is \$1,849,178.96, with one district's March mites yet to be counted. In an eNews dated March 5, 2015, supporters were asked to pray, as eleven Mission Grants still required full or partial funding before the end of the fiscal biennium on March 31, 2015. After the announcement of the mites' shortfall, many districts and single donors responded with additional gifts. All praise to our Lord, Jesus Christ, for gracious giving!

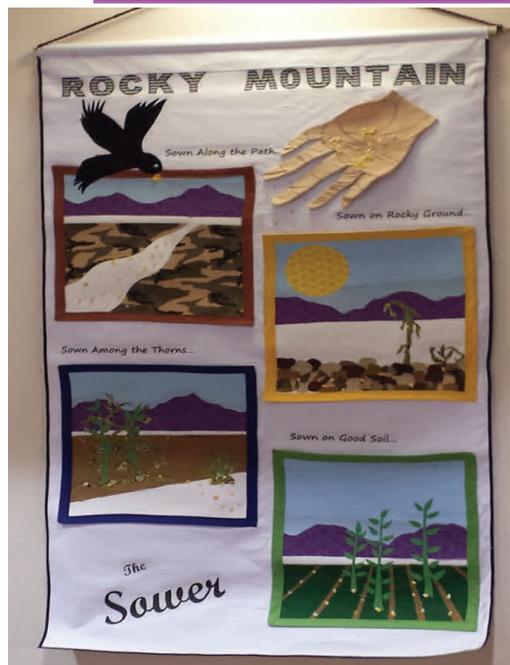
ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT BANNER FOR THE 2015 LWML CONVENTION, DES MOINES, IOWA JUNE 25-28, 2015

BOUNTIFUL! SOW*NOURISH*REAP

*"...so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."
(2 Corinthians 9:8)*

Designed by Mr. "Corky" Miller, Messiah Lutheran, Grand Junction, CO.

Made by Yvonne Steeby, Rio Grande Zone, Alamogordo, NM



Gleanings

From

Sylvia



Luke 10:2 *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 laborers into His harvest."*

Des Moines – The Time is Now

Easter Greetings! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

This is such an exciting and uplifting time of year as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, enjoy the longer daylight, the awakening of the plants and flowers, and warmer temperatures, and prepare for the upcoming 2015 Convention in Des Moines, IA.

This brings to mind that all LWML National Conventions are wonderful opportunities to be uplifted and nurtured spiritually through the wonderful Worship Services, Bible studies and devotions shared there, which help us grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We are nurtured emotionally as we fellowship with other LWMLers from all over the U.S. through laughter and fun, as well as being introduced to new ideas and resources for use in our district, zone, and/or society! It's a time for physical growth because there's a lot of exercise trans-versing the Events Center to "see" and "hear" everything.

Yes, early registration is ended, but **The Time is Now** to attend the Convention! Convention registration is still open, and there's still time to make lodging and travel arrangements. (Yes, there are additional hotels available.)

Come be a part of LWML RMD at the National LWML Convention. Be a part of our district photo and caucus on Thursday, June 25. Meet our YWRs: Leah Bauder and Jennifer Weber; greet our RMD H2H Sisters Trainer, Gerri Passmore; our LWML RMD Junior Pastoral Counselor Rev. Mark Nierman; greet our RMD Delegates and RMD Officers attending the convention, and have fellowship with all other RMD attendees.

Can you imagine taking communion with 5000 other LCMS Lutherans? For me it's mind-boggling, and gives me a taste of what it might be like to worship the Lamb with the Heavenly Host. I strongly encourage you to attend our National LWML Convention 2015

in Des Moines, IA. Conventions are life-changing and life-nurturing events, not to be missed, and well worth the sacrifice to be there! I look forward to seeing you there!

For consistently updated information and Convention preparations:

Go to lwml.org and click on "News and Events" and then select "Conventions." A whole list of items about the 2015 Convention is then available: On-line registration, "You are the Convention Delegate," Ingathering – Gifts from the Heart lists, information about the four Convention Offerings, a brief schedule of the Convention, a "Blessing of Convention Participants," an updated list of additional hotels, and the "2015-2017 Mission Grant Proposal Statements."

Gerri Passmore from Resurrection in the City, Denver, has agreed to attend training at the 2015 LWML Convention as our RMD Heart 2 Heart Sisters Trainer. Thank you, Gerri, for your willingness to serve as our LWML-RMD H2H Sisters Trainer!

Congratulations to our YWR delegates and alternates chosen at our LWML-RMD Board of Directors Meeting in February. Our two Young Women Representatives are Leah Bauder, Pecos Zone and Jennifer Weber, South Central Zone. Leah and Jennifer will sit with our delegation during the meeting sessions, but will be with YWRs from the other 40 LWML Districts the rest of the time. They will have an opportunity to visit with Kay Kreklau and each other, and participate in the Convention events. They'll also walk with me in the opening procession with our district banner.

We have a gorgeous banner for the Convention! We thank Mr. Corky Miller from the Western Zone for submitting the design, and Yvonne Steeby from Rio Grande Zone for constructing the banner! Great job!

Blessings,

Sylvia

I Am

Pr. Mark Nierman
Junior Pastoral Counselor

Jesus makes an extraordinary claim in John 8:48-59, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” His words angered the Jews, for in these words He was claiming a unity with God the Father (see Exodus 3:14). Indeed, He was claiming to be God. John’s Gospel highlights this claim of Jesus along with other “I Am” proclamations so that we may know Him. There are seven “I Am” statements found in the Gospel of John, and each one says something very significant about Jesus.

I am the bread of life. *He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.* John 6:35. Jesus is the very one who nourishes us and sustains us. We eat bread all the time, and become hungry again. Jesus, who is our spiritual nourishment, removes all hunger and thirst forever. The life He gives us goes on and on.

I am the light of the world. *Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.* John 8:12. Wherever there is light, the darkness is going to scatter. Jesus has illumined for us the divine truth of God’s forgiveness and grace and scattered the dark gloom of our sin and despair. We no longer need to fear the threat of death that terrorized us in the darkness.

I am the gate for the sheep. *All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture.* John 10:7-9. Jesus is the one who keeps His sheep safe, assuring us that by entering through Him, we will not be harmed by the thief or the robber. He lovingly protects the sheep of his fold.

I am the good shepherd. *The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.* John 10:11. So great is Jesus’ love for us that He is willing to give His own life. However, this is much

more than just dying in the line of duty. The Shepherd who lays down his life has become our substitute in death.

I am the resurrection and the life. *He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.* John 11:25-26. We could in no way hope for a resurrection on our own. Death is a foe far too strong for us to defeat. However, for Jesus, death is no match. All who trust in Jesus have the promise of life forevermore.

I am the way and the truth and the life. *No one comes to the Father except through me.* John 14:6. In a world that wants to claim so many paths to God, Jesus assures us that He alone gives access to the Father. He does not say He shows us the way, but that He actually is the way.

I am the vine; you are the branches. *If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.* John 15:5. In order for a branch to remain alive, it must be connected to the vine. The evidence of life is the fruit that grows. Jesus produces the fruit of faith in us. All the words and works in our lives that delight God are result of Jesus, the vine, who remains in us.

I encourage you to take some time to study and reflect on each one of these statements in more depth. The “I Am” statements of Jesus are a great comfort for us. We know that He truly is the “I Am,” God Himself. Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, who is and who was and who is to come (Revelation 1:8). Indeed our very life and existence is found in Him alone.

The God of Abr’ham praise,
Who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting days
And God of love.
Jehovah, great I AM!
By earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
Forever blest. (LSB 798)



Gifts From the Heart

2015 LWML Convention—Des Moines

Luther Care Services

For over 30 years Luther Care Services, a non-profit company which manages the Luther Park campus, has provided quality services for mature Iowans, meeting their physical, spiritual, social and psychological needs at its beautiful campus.

As a non-profit, Luther Care Services is able to put resources into providing better service, care and housing for our residents.

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Orphan Grain Train

Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. The Orphan Grain Train movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ's example as a servant and His love for us.

- School Kits:** backpack, 2-3 spiral notebooks (any size), 2 or more pencils, 2 or more pens, pkg. of construction paper, crayons, ruler, glue sticks, blunt scissors, washable markers, protractor
- Hygiene Kits:** 1 bath towel, 1 wash cloth, 1 bath-size bar of soap, 1 adult-size toothbrush, 1 sturdy comb, 1 stick deodorant (optional), 6 Band-Aids (1/2" or 3/4") secured together

Wrapping instructions: Spread the towel flat, fold over about 5" on each long side of the towel, place everything in the center between the folds, roll up the towel, use strong ribbon or cord and tie at both ends.

- Completed quilts of any size

Lutherans For Life

Lutherans For Life (LFL) is about speaking the truth of life—about **Bringing Good News to Life**. LFL applies the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the life issues, making Jesus known as the Son of God and Savior of all who can help and make a difference in people's lives.

The following items may be handmade:

- Hot neck wraps* (*wraps filled with rice or dry beans for heating in microwave*)
- Shawls
- Undershirts (sleeveless)
- Decorative pillows (to clutch, prop up, or brighten a room)
- Scarves (useful for folks who have lost a lot of weight and whose clothes are ill fitting)

***Simple Neck Wrap Directions**

Supplies for two wraps:

- ¼ yard flannel (please use adult appropriate patterns)
- 8 cups rice or dried beans

Directions:

1. Cut fabric in half to make two pieces, about 9" x 20".
2. Sew fabric, folded in half right sides together, on a short end and the long side.
3. Flip and fill with 4 cups rice or beans. Do not over fill or the wrap will not mold well around neck.
4. Sew open end.

Note: It would be good to double sew all seams to ensure no leaks.



2015 LWML CONVENTION

DES MOINES, IOWA

CONVENTION CHECK LIST AND TRAVEL TIPS

- **Prayers for safe travel.**
- Your reservation confirmation and information.
- Your Bible is a must! Any version will do.
- Comfortable wardrobe—Business Casual that includes a light weight sweater or jacket, the temperature in the convention center may be cool.
- “Gifts from the Heart.” (see page 4 in this *Tidings*)
- Money for the four offerings.
- **Prayers that the Holy Spirit be with all those presenting.**
- 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.
- Shopping Money (The LWML store will be there!)
- Camera.
- Bringing electronic “gadgets” and “chargers”, please always carry your “gadgets” with you **“DON’T LEAVE YOUR ROOM WITHOUT THEM.”** It is best to be safe rather than sorry.
- Medications (in original containers).
- **Delegates:** Know how your zone wants you to vote on the proposed mission grants and the candidates.
- Patience and forgiveness (the mics or computers may malfunction or a meal might be late).
- Your smile and enthusiasm, HUGS will always be welcomed and appreciated.
- **Prayers to do God’s will.**



Mission Grant Recipients for the 2014–2016 Biennium

*Judy Delve
VP Gospel Outreach*

	<u>Granted</u>	<u>Paid</u>
Kingdom Kids	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,500
University Lutheran Chapel, Boulder, CO	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,000
Orphan Grain Train Collection Center—CO West	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,500
Rocky Mountain District – Debt Assistance	\$ 7,500	\$ 5,000
Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, Food and Clothing Co-op	\$ 7,500	\$ 2,500
Hispanic Ministry Northeast Colorado	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000
Roadrunner for Christ, Inc.	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,500
Ysleta—Mariachi San Pablo	\$ 8,000	\$ 4,000
Revitalizing the Mission at Navajo, New Mexico	\$ 7,000	\$ 3,500
Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,000
Trinity/HOPE—Haiti	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000
Project: Pastoral Education, West Africa	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,000
Mission Central, near Mapleton, Iowa	<u>\$ 5,500</u>	<u>\$ 3,000</u>
	\$78,500	\$ 40,500

Hispanic Ministry of NE Colorado

Hispanic Ministry of Northeast Colorado has requested \$5,000 in funding to assist with providing Spanish Bibles, study materials, a portable keyboard, advertising and travel expenses throughout the Northeast Colorado area, housing, and salary for the pastor. LWML RMD has been able to assist this mission grant with partial funding. Please pray that this mission grant is able to remain successful in being a shining light to our Spanish population and that they are able to continue sharing The Gospel and the love our Lord! We also pray that as we give our Mites we continue to be motivated and inspired to this mission grant goal and all the others. Let us continue to show our love and watch for contin-



Pr. Armenio Pineros & his wife Amira Pineros



Celebrating Christmas!



Youth Group

Mission Grant Proposals for 2016

The next LWML Rocky Mountain District Convention is more than a year away, but NOW IS THE TIME to start considering where we can continue to spread the Word through Mission Grants. Please consider submitting a project or mission that you feel would do this. The Mission Grant Guidelines and appropriate form are posted on the LWML RMD Website or you can email Vice President of Gospel Outreach Judy Delve to obtain them. Note the deadline for submitting a proposal for the 2016 District Convention in Colorado Springs is **NOVEMBER 1, 2015**.

2015 Fall Zone Rally Dates

September 12 – Northern: Trinity, Greeley, CO

Western: Redeemer, Delta

September 19 - Southern: Immanuel, Colorado Springs, CO

North Central at Wheatridge – Co-Hosted with Our Savior, Commerce City, CO

September 26 – South Central: Mt. Olive, Aurora, CO

Northern New Mexico: Calvary, Rio Rancho, NM

October 3 - Four Corners: Shepherd of the Desert, Page, AZ

October 10 – Rio Grande: Mission, Las Cruces, NM

October 17 - Northeastern: St. John’s, Yuma, CO

October 24 – Pecos: Immanuel, Roswell, NM

Thank you to Faith Lutheran, Denver, LWML for hosting our 2015 LWML-RMD Board of Directors Meeting!

Thank you to Mt. Hope Lutheran, Boulder, LWML for hosting our April EC meeting.

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



Confidence in the Lord

Darlene Markle,
VP Servant Resources

How long has it been since you have ridden a bicycle? They say once you've learned you never forget. Here are a few paragraphs of a bicycle poem I came across titled, *The Road of Life*. Just imagine what this bicycle ride would be like if you were on it with Jesus!

(author unknown)



“Life is like a tandem bike ride. At first He was in the back helping me pedal. I don’t know just when it was that He suggested we change places but life has not been the same since. When He took the lead He took delightful long cuts, up the mountains, and through rocky places at breakneck speeds. He took me to people with gifts that I needed. They gave me gifts to take on my journey, my Lord’s and mine. He said, “Give the gifts away; they’re extra baggage, too much weight.” So I did, to the people we met, and I found that in giving I received, and still our burden was light. Jesus knows bike secrets. He knows how to make it bend to take sharp corners, and knows how to jump to clear high rocks.”



At our recent Board of Directors meeting, Sandy Wendelin taught us about spiritual gifts and how we are given them on our baptismal day. God set this plan in place so we can affect others in our lifetime. Jeremiah 29:11 *“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

Remember the confidence in the Lord that David had? David didn’t give himself the gift of faith, God did! That was his spiritual gift! I love David’s confidence when he chose not to wear the borrowed armor because it was too big. Gosh, he went out to fight without “that” armor! David didn’t hesitate when confronted with the challenge of fighting Goliath even though his brothers thought he was crazy. David told his brothers that the Living God already prevented him from being devoured by the lion and the bear when they carried off his sheep. David’s confidence was in the Lord! David loved God and trusted Him. The best part of that story is what David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty.”

Let God lead. His plan is much better than we could ever plan. Step out in confidence trusting that the Lord has supplied you with all you will need in this life. Be sure to read 1 Corinthians 12 and learn all you can about your specific gifts. Then you will be confident like David.

Here is a resource to check out. Go to our website, www.lwml.org and look under Helps for Leaders and Groups. Under the title of Leader Development you will see the Leader Development Newsletter and Volunteers in Christ’s Ministry. This is a free download for you to use in your society.

Enjoy this springtime! Wake up every day and allow God to use you. He rose again just for you! Go out and be a blessing!

Calling All of Us

Judy Gordon
Christian Life Committee

During the past year, we have been reminded repeatedly that the time is NOW! NOW is the time to reach out to others; NOW is the time to support Mission Projects; NOW is the time to touch the lives of our sisters in Christ. Sometimes we get so busy thinking about supporting our Mission Projects that we forget we have responsibilities closer to home. We forget, that no matter what our gifts and talents, we have the opportunity to reach out and touch the lives of those closest to us.

It's easy to believe that times are different "now"; that social media has made communicating with others either "easier" or more "difficult", depending on your point of view. What we often fail to remember is that the issues concerning women, both young and old, aren't really that different from our own generations. Teens and young women still worry about whether they are popular enough, pretty enough, smart enough, to attract friends and members of the opposite sex. Will they be able to balance a successful career and marriage? Will they be a good friend, daughter, wife and mother? As women IN the Word and OF the Word, we all have experiences in dealing with these questions. SHARE your knowledge and experience with others; talk about your walk in faith with the Lord; pray with a Sister in Christ; become a Christian Mentor! We all know how to send a card, write a note or a letter encouraging and supporting someone. Call, visit, take someone to lunch, share prayer time and devotions. Take time to share a listening ear; a shoulder to cry on; a supporting hug; and the love of Christ with someone in need.

If you're looking for some additional resources to help you, check out the many devotional materials available in the LWML catalog. "You Are Precious" focuses on our uniqueness and individuality as God's children; "A Woman's Praying Heart" is a collection of prayers for the challenges of life. "Lead Me, Lord, through...Motherhood" and "Lead Me, Lord, through...Tears" deal with the topic of raising a family and dealing with all kinds of losses in life. These are but a few of the topics you will find on pages 6-7 in the catalog. Ladies, the time is NOW! Let the Holy Spirit be your guide as you reach out to others, letting them know that they are dearly loved sisters in Christ.



Prayers of

Adoration

Confession

Thanks

Supplication

Janet Krogh, Mission Services Committee Chair, will now be in charge of receiving prayer requests from the RMD.

Please contact her at prayers@lwmlrmd.org

2017 LWML Salt Lake City Hostess Committee Awareness Quilt winner

Rebecca Axford, right, was presented the 2017 LWML SLC Convention Hostess Fund Awareness Quilt at the LWML RMD Executive Committee on April 11, 2015 at Hope Lutheran Church, Boulder, CO. Rebecca and her mother, Lisa, left, were first time convention attendees to the 2014 RMD Convention. Rebecca attended as a Teen Representative. Lisa and Rebecca are members of Christ Lutheran Church, Denver, CO and society members of the South Central Zone. Rebecca, 19 years old, will be attending Concordia Seward in the fall.

The amount of money received as of March 31, 2015 for the RMD portion of the Hostess Fund is now \$4,011.65. We are so close to reaching our goal of \$5,000. Keep up the good work!!



Ladies of LWML,

We know you've been wondering about it, or perhaps even concerned. Is your LWML welcoming to Young Women?! Now there is a resource your society/zone can use to discuss and "test" this age old question. The new Leader Development resource "Does Your LWML Welcome Young Women?" is designed to help! To view this resource, go to www.lwml.org. You arrive at the LWML Home page. At the top of the page you will need to do a Search by entering Leader Development Committee to find this resource. You will arrive at a page that includes many Leader Development Program Helps. Scroll down to "**Make Your LWML Young-Women Friendly**". It's a really nice resource and has a survey and discussion questions/exercises for societies to do. The PDF is free to download from www.lwml.org.



*Enjoy getting to know the young women
in your congregation!*

**You will be a mentor to them and they may also
become a mentor to you!**

The time is *now* to reach out!

*Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior,
not slanderers or slaves to much wine.
They are to teach what is good,
and so train the young women to love their husbands and children
to be self-controlled, pure, working at home,
kind, and submissive to their own husbands,
that the word of God may not be reviled (Titus 2:3-5).*

*She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:26 & 30).*

Christy Kunze

LWML-RMD Committee on Young Women chair

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"There's no way I can take the time!"

"There's not enough money in the family budget to spend on a retreat for me!"

"Weekends are the only time I have for housework!"

"Who will take care of the kids?"

How many of these questions come to mind when you think of taking a whole weekend/day off, just for your own spiritual growth? Many things crowd our lives and make it seem impossible to even consider going to an LWML function.

One of Satan's tools is to fill our days so full that we crowd out time with God. But we need quality time with our Lord. And we need quantity times, too, for strengthening our tie of "branch to vine."

We can't give you solutions to all the problems that may be keeping you from attending an LWML function. Just be creative and find answers. Make attending the next LWML activity a priority for you.