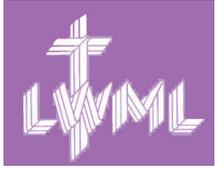


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# TIDINGS



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### 2015 Convention News and Pictures

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## LWML RMD Convention 2016

The ladies of the Southern Zone spent part of the time at their Spring Christian Life Workshop preparing items for the 2016 District Convention to be held in Colorado Springs, June 10-12, 2016.

What are they making? Come to the 2016 convention to find out!



## 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."

## *The Time is Now!*

**The Time is NOW** to recognize that we are connected to God by the Holy Spirit – our "Power Source" – and that through Bible Study and leadership resources, the women of the LWML are enabled to identify and develop their own God-given gifts and talents to do His work whenever and wherever He has need of them.

**What does this mean?** The above statement was one of **75 Big Ideas** given to National LWML based on the theme **The Time is Now!** The 75 idea statements were collected from the 41 LWML districts and the National LWML elected and appointed officers. RMD's idea, listed above, was developed from our Board of Directors Meeting where we focused on being connected by the Power of the Holy Spirit which empowers us to share the Gospel with others through thought, word and deed. In mentoring us in our areas of service to our Lord and others, LWML has made available many and varied Christ-centered, Bible-based studies, leadership materials and guidelines, as well as hands-on service resources.

We, in the LWML RMD, by the power of the Holy Spirit, want to be in the Word – connected by Bible study and prayer to God, our Power Source. Connected to the Source, we are empowered and emboldened to step out in faith and share the joy of Christ's love and His redeeming salvation with our service to others. We are also nurtured and supported to serve our Lord with the spiritual and emotional mentoring of the prayers and guidance of other LWMLers. **Now is the time** to take that step forward in service to your Lord. Have you considered serving on the LWML society, zone, district,

or national level? My encouragement to you is to use the many resources of LWML to nurture and strengthen your faith, enabling you to use your gifts and talents to serve your Lord and others through the LWML!

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It's Fall Rally Time! I invite you to attend your zone rallies! It's a wonderful time to interact with other Lutheran Women in Mission as you study God's Word. At many rallies gatherings are received to support local community needs; so mites are received and prayer support given for the work of our mission grant recipients. Hands-on service opportunities may also be offered so attendees can participate, working together to complete a specific service project. It's a time of spiritual, emotional, and physical nurturing. I encourage you to make it a priority to attend your zone rally this fall!

The tradition of recognizing one person's years of dedication and committed service to our Lord through the LWML, as an *Unsung Hero*, was begun in 2013 in appreciation and acknowledgement for a "job" well-done. **Lesley Nordmeyer** was selected by the LWML RMD Executive Committee to be RMD's *Unsung Hero*

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# Take Time to Receive the Lord's Gifts

*Pr. Jonathan Schultz  
Senior Pastoral Counselor*

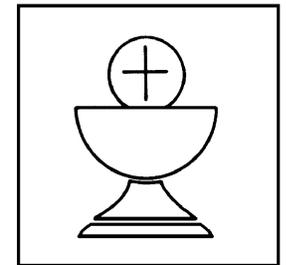
Sometimes it seems like vacations require more work than staying home. You spend days (or maybe weeks!) packing and preparing. You go on a whirlwind vacation, and when you finally get home, you're more exhausted than you were before you left. That's probably how many of you feel after attending the National LWML Convention in Des Moines last month. You've made it home, but now you have to catch up on all the sleep you lost while you were gone.

Even without vacations, summer is a busy time. If you have children home from school, you have to find something to keep them occupied throughout the break. Ballgames and tournaments may take you away for days at a time. Some spend as much time as they can escaping the heat of the valleys by going up to the mountains. Sometimes, we're so exhausted from a busy work week that all we want to do is catch some rest and relaxation on the weekends.

Pastors know this all too well, because we miss seeing you in the pews. Sunday attendance in many of our congregations is significantly less than it is during the rest of the year. Our congregations may cut back on Bible Studies and LWML activities, and Sunday School may take a hiatus.

But our Lord has called you to faith in His dear Son, and has forgiven all your sins for the sake of Jesus, who died on the cross and rose from the dead to give you life and salvation. God gathers us together into the Church, where He continues to give His gifts to us. He desires to proclaim that your sins are forgiven, to feed you with His Word, and to nourish you with His sacraments. These gifts God gives to you in the Divine Service. That's what our hymnal, Lutheran Service Book, calls worship: God's service to us. He serves us, and gives us what we need to bring us at last to everlasting life. This summer (and always!), take time out of your busy schedule to receive the Lord's gifts. Go to Church, where your Lord has promised to give you His gifts. Make time to be refreshed by God's Word as you read the Bible. Spend time with other Christians to have fellowship with one another. If you find yourself far from your home congregation, visit another. If you need help finding another Missouri Synod congregation, go to [locator.lcms.org](http://locator.lcms.org) to search for churches near your destination.

Go and be served by your Lord.



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](mailto:prayers@lwmlrmd.org)

Prayers of  
**A**doration  
**C**onfession  
**T**hanks  
**S**upplication



## *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

You may notice that numbers for grant monies paid have not changed since the last *Tidings* issue. The prayer is that by the time this is published, the Mites will have accumulated enough to be able to disburse more funds. Prayerfully, after we all have been “revitalized” through attending the Des Moines convention, those Mites will come pouring in.

Remember to start applying for Mission Grants to be considered at our 2016 District Convention. Those forms are available on the website, and the deadline is November 1, 2015. Address any questions to the VP of Gospel Outreach as listed on the back page of the *Tidings*.

### *Revitalizing the Mission at Navajo, NM*

Pastor Tim Norton serves Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Navajo, New Mexico. The LWML RMD grant of \$7000 is designated for tuition and books for his participation in the Cross-Cultural Ministry Center, enabling him to “revitalize” the Mission, broaden his ability to serve, and to raise up and train leaders among the Navajo Indians. Easter of 2015 brought two children into God’s family through the waters of Holy Baptism, and, as reported in the Lutheran Indian Ministries newsletter, this was celebrated “Navajo-style” with the butchering of a sheep and the subsequent grilling of the meat. We continue to pray for Pastor Tim, wife Heidi, and children Leslie and Philip.





### *2015 Fall Zone Rally Dates*

September 12 – Northern: Trinity, Greeley, CO

Western: Redeemer, Delta

September 19 - Southern: Immanuel, Colorado Springs, CO

North Central: Wheatridge – Co-Hosted with

Our Savior, Commerce City, CO

September 26 – South Central: Ascension, Littleton, 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



### *Mission Grant Proposals for 2016*

The next LWML Rocky Mountain District Convention is less 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**.

## A Friend Loves at All Times

Darlene Markle,  
VP Servant Resources

Proverbs 17:17

See if you can figure out what all these words have in common: tear, hurt, ache, ouch, cheat, heart, reach, teach, hear, other, chart, route, he, true, author. Now think about your friends for a moment and ask yourself if you ever said to them, “I was just thinking of you” or “God brought you to mind today.” I know I have!

Presently three of my dearest friends are experiencing life-challenging situations.

Sadly for me they live over 1,000 miles away. Even though I send cards and e-mails, all I really want to do is hug them. I remind them that God knows what they are going through, and He cares deeply for them. The best thing I can do is pray for them.

Tom Elliff writes in his book, *A Passion for Prayer*, that spending time in prayer and reading his Word are inseparable twins of a spiritual life.

Are you a friend who prays wholeheartedly? St. Paul writes in Ephesians 3:16-19, “I pray that out of his glorious riches that he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have the power together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of

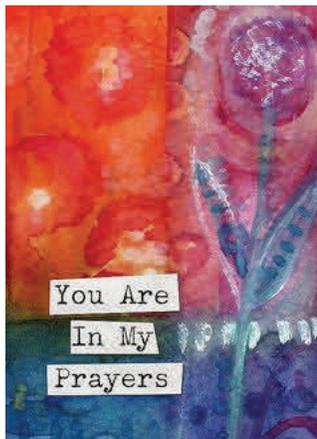
Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”

There’s a verse in the song, *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* that says, “Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer.” Joseph M. Scriven wrote this song to his sickly mother. Ten years prior, he lost his fiancée to a drowning incident the day before he was to be married. Joseph M. Scriven knew grief well, and he knew who to turn to for relief.

We can understand the cycle of life here on earth, but it’s the “handling” part that is difficult. That’s where friends come in to remind us the future is promising. You could be the very friend someone needs right now. The hope we have is in Jesus because He lives and He is the true author of life!

Before I forget, here’s what all those words have in common. It’s the word, *OUTREACH*. All the letters of those smaller words can be found in the capitalized word! What a coincidence that Jesus is the answer! As fellow believers we are to *REACHOUT* to those who God puts in our paths.

Be sure to *REACHOUT* at your upcoming Fall Rally. Seek others who may be attending for the first time. Hear what could be troubling their hearts. It could ache or it could be filled with joy. We are all Sisters-in-Christ!



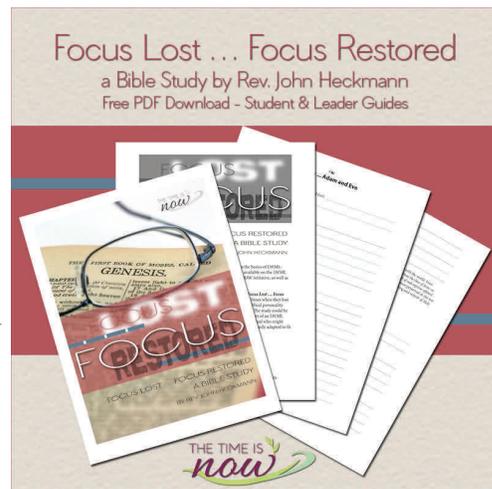
# LWML Store Items at Fall Zone Events

Colleen Spahr  
VP Christian Life

## NEW Free Resource Available from LWML

### Focus Lost...Focus Restored Bible Study

The Time is NOW initiative encourages all to re-focus on the basics of LWML: Word, Missions, Service, and Fellowship. Download the Bible study guides at <http://www.lwml.org/focus-bible-study>



## New Mustard Seeds Available This Summer

Mustard Seeds for Everyday Celebrations Uplifting messages by Elaine Bickel and Jan Struck highlight celebrations of Baptism, confirmation, and weddings as well as birthdays, anniversaries, and family gatherings. These devotions are meant to be enjoyed and then shared with family and friends. Code 40195 - \$3.50

The Race of Faith Mustard Seeds Using examples such as shoes, water, the right clothing, and perseverance, DCE Amanda Stacy compares a runner's activities with living the Christian faith. Even non-runners will find meaningful applications for life in Christ. Code 40196 - \$3.50

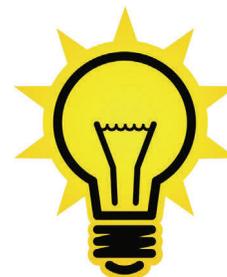
In Times of Need Mustard Seeds Words of love, hope, and assurance are needed during times of need. Rev. Larry Krueger, Rev. Mike Mattil, and Rev. Kris Whitby provide Gospel-centered words of encouragement when people are beset by disaster, illness, pain, and bereavement. Code 40197 - \$3.50

The Word: Wisdom for Living Using verses from Proverbs and other portions of the Bible's wisdom literature, Marcia Gomulka and Myrna Lou Meyer share words of guidance, comfort, and encouragement for coping with the challenges of daily life. Code 40198 - \$3.50



Begin to think “outside the box” and be creative. Share at least one BIG Idea with a sister in Christ today!

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: The Time is NOW to prayerfully consider how God  
: wants to use the talents of each member of the LWML to  
: serve Him and reach others for Christ on the society, zone,  
: district, and/or national level.  
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## A Friendly Reminder

*Jan Bloss  
Structure Committee Chairman*

The LWML RMD Structure Committee would like to remind all Society and Zone Presidents to check the date on your bylaws. If five or more years have passed since they were reviewed, it's time to do some updating!

The Structure Committee and Parliamentarian are currently working on updating the Sample Bylaws for Society and Zone, which you will find on the website at [lwmlrmd.org](http://lwmlrmd.org) under FORMS. The current District Bylaws may be found here also.

Watch for the updates and use these as a guide when reviewing and revising your current bylaws. The Structure Committee, made up of Jan Bloss, Chairman, and members Susan Weimer, Mary Marten and Margie Herrmann are here to help you, so don't hesitate to contact us via email: [structure@lwmlrmd.org](mailto:structure@lwmlrmd.org).

## Is God on Your College "To Do" List?

*Carol Matthews  
Teen Committee Chairman*



High School graduation is over. The University selection is complete. You make a list of things to collect to equip your student for college life. Does your "LIST" include a Lutheran Church?

A Pastor of a large Lutheran congregation estimated that 80% of the college youth from his church did not attend church or joined another religious group while away at college.

We recently attended a Worship Service at University Lutheran Chapel at Boulder, Colorado, to find that they have approximately 30 active student members out of a population of 25,000 students. One answer is that there are not many Lutheran students that attend University of Colorado, Boulder. NOT correct! The correct answer is that finding a LUTHERAN CHURCH is not on the college supply "TO DO LIST"! Let's put it on your LIST!

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod as a Church Body has put a new emphasis on supporting University Lutheran Chapels at public universities all over the United States. There are now 184 Lutheran Student Chapels supported by LCMS. To locate these chapels go to [www.Lcms.org/LCMSU/findcampus](http://www.Lcms.org/LCMSU/findcampus). Find a University Lutheran Chapel and register your student. If there is not a University Lutheran Chapel at your student's university, there is a **LCMS Church locator** for a parish nearby.



Attend Church with your student when you take them to their new college home and introduce yourself and your student to the pastor. Give your student a Lutheran support group and prepare them for a Christian Life experience . Put God on the College "TO DO LIST".

Dearest Sisters (and Brothers) In Christ,

Praise God From Whom ALL Blessings Flow! He has blessed us each and every day with something wonderful, don't forget to look for it, and especially take the time to thank Him!

Now that the National Convention has come to a close, I would like to get your thoughts moving toward the RMD 2016 convention in Colorado Springs! If you would prayerfully start seeking out and encouraging young women in your congregation to give thoughtful prayer to attending this convention, I know God has some great things in store! These young women can be anywhere from 18 to 35 years of age so please take the time to seek them out. We will hopefully have the applications up on the website Mid-August, so please lead these ladies in that direction. Wouldn't it be great to have several applications from each zone?!

Thank you for taking these ladies under your wings and encouraging them. Thank you for keeping them in your prayers as often as you remember. Thank you for approaching them at church and making them feel loved and welcome. Thank you and God's beautiful blessings upon you this day!

Christy Kunze

LWML-RMD Committee on Young Women chair



**The Time is Now!**

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at the 2015 National LWML Convention in Des Moines, IA. Lesley exemplifies these qualities of service to her Lord through the LWML in her church society, zone, and district. Thank you, Lesley, for all you do as you use your gifts in ministry to the people of the RMD and the world.

She was recognized as Rocky Mountain District's *Unsung Hero* on Saturday, June 27, 2015 at 9:00 AM, as she was part of the procession that included the Past LWML Presidents, YWRs with Mission Flags, and the Heart 2 Heart Sisters.

Also, a big "thank you" to all who submitted pictures from our district for the surprise "Thank You" gift for President Kay Krecklau and to Lesley Nordmeyer for her help with the assembling of our picture page for the book. Lesley also helped select and assemble the pictures for the power point presentation I used to address the LCMS-RMD Convention in Denver, June 4-6, 2015. Thank You, Lesley!

Blessings,

*Sylvia*

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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.