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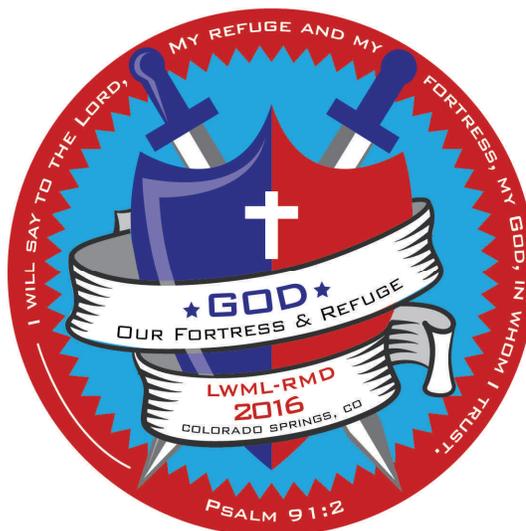


# TIDINGS

*LWML RMD Convention 2016  
Colorado Springs, June 10-12, 2016*

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## 2016 Convention Deadlines

Deadline to submit a Zone YWR application is December 15, 2016 to your Zone Board.

Teens-Please submit the teen form to your Zone Board by December 15, 2015.

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

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## 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."

## Are You Ready?

As we continue through this fall season, we know that Advent is fast approaching. Looking toward Advent, we begin asking ourselves this question concerning schedules, decorations, gifts.... We know that for us Lutheran Christians, Advent is the preparation time to re-focus our heart and mind on our Savior's birth and His blood bought gift of redemption. Psalm 40: 1-2 reminds me of the importance of really preparing for the Savior, whose birth, death, resurrection, and ascension we celebrate.

*"I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord."*

This verse reminds me of the importance of being in the Word, and the protection, foundation, and refuge we have through the power of the Holy Spirit who enables us to believe that Jesus is our Savior from sin, death, and the devil. That is also the focus of our 2016 LWML RMD Convention, June 10-12, 2016 in Colorado Springs, CO: God – Our Fortress and Refuge! Advent reminds us that Jesus came and saved us; He sent the Comforter to nurture and strengthen our faith. And being strengthened in our faith, we are empowered to share that gift of salvation with others, and as a Christian, we are enabled to stand firm against the "seen or unseen" evils of this world. That's really what all the deco-

rations and gifts of Christmas are about – sharing God's love with everyone around us because of His first and greatest Gift to us. We are reminded in Advent that Jesus came, and He will come again. Furthermore, He has set our feet on Himself; we have a perfect place to stand. With a joyful heart we can confess to all the blessings from God, and with enthusiasm and gladness sing His praises and tell of His blood-bought redemptive victory, a free gift to all! So, are you ready? The Time is Now for preparing our heart and mind on Jesus. As you are preparing, please remember there are many Bible studies, devotions, and litanies available from LWML ([lwml.org](http://lwml.org)), and the "Quarterly" to help you in keeping heart and mind focused on the Savior. On our [lwmlrmd.org](http://lwmlrmd.org) website there are resources available to help you, by faith, stand firm on the foundation of Jesus, your Savior. Our convention in 2016 will be a great opportunity to find refuge for your heart and mind through the worship services, Bible studies, and enrichment sessions; having found that refuge in Jesus, you'll come to know even more certainly that Jesus is our fortress from sin, death, and the devil. With that confidence in Jesus, we can stand firm as a Christian against all the evils and trials of this world – prepared always to share His love through our thoughts, words, and deeds.

Have a joy - filled time of preparation during this Advent season and I'll see you in Colorado Springs, June 2016!



## *For All the Saints*

*Pr. Jonathan Schultz  
Senior Pastoral Counselor*

Death is all around us. It's the most certain thing about our life on earth. Unless Christ returns during our earthly lives, we will most certainly die. "The wages of sin is death," as St. Paul says in Romans 6:23. If there are any lingering doubts about your sinfulness, St. Paul addresses those earlier in the same book: "For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Yes, we most certainly will die as a result of our sins.

Although we know that death is approaching, we don't like to talk about it. When we're young, death seems so distant – something that won't affect us until we've reached a ripe old age. But when we're confronted with the death of loved ones, we find ourselves grieving and facing our own mortality. Death was not a part of God's good creation, but entered the world through Adam's sin. This is why death causes such sadness and grief.

As Christians, though, we do not grieve death as those who have no hope. Even though the wages of sin is death, "the free gift of God is eternal life in

Christ Jesus, our Lord" (Romans 6:23). For Christians, our hope in the face of death is that Jesus Christ has overcome sin, death, and the Devil for us, to grant us everlasting life. This is why the mourning of Christian funerals is mellowed by the certain knowledge that in Christ, we will rise again. Death is not the end, but the beginning of everlasting life.

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Church celebrates All Saints Day. This day is set aside to remember those saints of God who have entered their eternal rest. It's a day to celebrate the free gift of eternal life that God has given us through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ.

*But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:*

*The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of Glory passes on His way.*

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*(For All the Saints – LSB 677:7)*

As we remember those who have died in the faith, give thanks to God that He has won the victory for us!



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### Thank You:

What great joy and fun it was to visit the many zone rallies! I so appreciate the planning and care given by the Zone ECs, the Bible Study Leaders, and the Hosting Society and Church in making their event spiritually and emotionally nourishing and nurturing. I'd also like to thank Leah Bauder, Margaret Blazek, and Ruth Eberle, my driving buddies, who made it possible for me to drive all over Colorado and New Mexico (even into Arizona) to attend the rallies. I want to thank the LWML RMD Executive Committee who also attended the rallies and filled in for me when I couldn't be in attendance. A big LWML hug of thanks to those who shared their homes with us as we traveled about the district: Marilyn and Duane Grasz, Norma and Ray Rivera, and Nora and Rick Sotak.

## *Mission Grant Recipients for the 2014–2016 Biennium*

*Judy Delve  
VP Gospel Outreach*

	<u>Granted</u>	<u>Paid</u>
Kingdom Kids	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
University Lutheran Chapel, Boulder, CO	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
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	\$ 8,000
Revitalizing the Mission at Navajo, New Mexico	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000
Trinity/HOPE—Haiti	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000
Project: Pastoral Education, West Africa	\$ 6,000	\$ 3,000
Mission Central, near Mapleton, Iowa	\$ 5,500	\$ 3,000
	\$78,500	\$ 56,500

We have paid 5 grants in full! Praise the Lord! Keep these grants in your prayers so our mites will have accumulated enough to be able to disburse more funds.

### *Trinity/HOPE Haiti*

(from a letter to the LWML RMD)

“Thank you for your support in spreading the Gospel to the hungry children in Haiti. I love seeing their smiling faces as they prepare to have lunch that has been sent to them by wonderful sponsors such as you. They feel the love you are sharing.



“On a visit to Haiti we visited a school and one of the team members notices one of the teachers from earlier visits. He asked the teacher if she had been a student in this school also. She replied, “Yes.” The feeding program offered at St. Marc made a huge impact on her life because so often there was not any food at home for her. Her name is Jeanistin. She wanted to give something back in appreciation by becoming a teacher and sharing Jesus Christ with other children at the same school. She knew the food provided by Trinity/HOPE would open the doors and help

save lives spiritually and physically.

Thank you for your latest gift. This will provide a daily meal for 11,538 children. And because of loving, caring people like you and a God who provides, we can share God’s joy and love with them.”

## LWML Welcome Kits

*Colleen Spahr  
VP Christian Life*

This is a great way to introduce young women and new members of your congregation to LWML. The Welcome Kit can be purchased from the LWML Store for \$13.00. Another option is to put your own kits together using various items found at the LWML Store at lwml.org under the “Shop” tab. Begin with the LWML Wildflower Gift Bag Small for \$1.75. Possible items to include: The Time is Now Mirror, Daughters of the King Mustard Seed devotion (or any other Mustard Seed), a Mite Box, A Women’s Praying Heart prayer booklet, LWML socks, Post It Notes, LWML Spiral Notebook, or the Purple Mission Awareness Band. Include information about LWML – the Mission Statement and Mite Explanation and History from the LWML webpage under the “About” tab and then click on “Who We Are.”

For Advent and Christmas devotions, please check out the LWML Rocky Mountain District website at lwmlrmd.org. Look under “Resources,” then “Devotions” and “Christian Life.”



**ATTENTION SISTERS IN CHRIST of the LWML ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT!!!  
NOMINATIONS NEEDED!!  
DEADLINE – DECEMBER 1, 2015**

**Do you know people with a heart for and a commitment to LWML? Are they ready to broaden their horizons and use their God-given gifts at the district level of LWML? Perhaps it's YOU!!!**

**The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for the following offices:**

**Vice President of Christian Life**, currently held by Colleen Spahr

**Vice President of Communications**, currently held by Beth Weber

**Recording Secretary**, currently held by Sue Mumm

**Treasurer**, currently held by Beth Nagy

**Jr. Pastoral Counselor**, currently held by Rev. Mark Nierman, who will move up to Senior Pastoral Counselor

**5 members of the Nominating Committee, 9 names are needed from 9 different zones**

Please send or email your nominations ASAP to Chris Bostron, Nominating Committee Chairman, 307 West Avenue, Brush, CO 80723 or [s.bostron@bresnan.net](mailto:s.bostron@bresnan.net) (dot between the s and b).

# Changing Seasons

Darlene Markle,  
VP Servant Resources

Are you preparing for the change?  
Are you getting ready for the new season?

There are screens to take down and storm windows to put up. Shorts, sandals and suntan lotion will be replaced with sweaters, heavy socks and chapstick.

There are soups and stew recipes to prepare and logs for the fireplace to be cut.

We turn the clocks back an hour and watch as the sun sets earlier causing us to stay indoors more often.

That's all well and good if you are surrounded by family and friends; but if you are lonely, you may not be as joyful. Memories could be flooding back of days long gone. Advent may then be unwelcomed.

Is there someone you know who could use a bit of company during Advent? Anyone you know who feels forgotten? Has anyone in your congregation lost a loved one recently? Here's where you can come in and be a blessing! Having the spiritual gifts God has given you will open a door for friendship and compassion during this season.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, 'There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven.'

We hear the familiar story year after year about the birth of the newborn king and what a marvelous story it is! Let's be honest when asking ourselves if we are prepared, not for company, but for eternal life. Are your family members, friends, and others you know prepared?

Isaiah 52:7 says, 'How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news!'

In 1865 A. Katherine Hankey wrote 100 stanzas entitled, *The Old Old Story*, which today we know as, *I Love to Tell the Story*. Here's the third verse.

*'I Love to tell the story, 'Tis pleasant to repeat-What seems each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet. I love to tell the story, for some have never heard, the message of salvation, from God's own holy Word.'*

Use this Advent season to tell those in your family as well as your church family about Jesus' love.

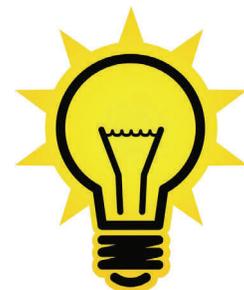
Be sure to go to the website, [www.lwmlrmd.org](http://www.lwmlrmd.org) and click on "Resources." There you will find Devotions. These are free downloads written by Colleen Spahr for you and your society. Especially check out last years, *Christmas in our Lives: God's Love Reaching To Us and Through Us* and scroll down to part B.

May God use you well throughout Advent.



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

The Time is NOW to have a Monday Mighty Mite emphasis. Every Monday, or each month, learn more about where and how our mites at the national and district levels are being used.



## 2016 LWML RMD Convention

Ladies - and Gentlemen – Get Ready! The LWML Rocky Mountain District convention will be held June 10-12, 2016. The historic Antlers Hotel in downtown Colorado Springs has been reserved especially for you. If you haven't been to Colorado Springs ever, or it's been a long time, you may want to come a few days early to explore the world famous Garden of the Gods, drive up Pikes Peak (or not), Cave of the Winds, the U. S. Air Force Academy, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo and the North Pole!



The Antlers Early 1900s

The theme for the convention is “God—Our Fortress and Refuge” based on Psalm 91:2, I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” Rescued in Christ, we are empowered to trust in His victory is the goal of the convention. It is intended that each person attending be fortified by Word and Sacrament, being armored, stand firm against evil, and be courageous to serve others.



The Antlers Today

Come and enjoy the Bible studies, keynote speakers, interest sessions, Saturday night entertainment and more! You will want to visit the exhibit area for inspiration from our LWML committees and other Lutheran entities. The Friday evening worship service will be an inspiring and uplifting experience you will not want to miss. The worship service will be at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Watch for more information regarding offering recipients, Gifts from the Heart, hotel and convention registration in future issues of the *Tidings* and *Peaks and Valleys*.

The ladies from the LWML Rocky Mountain District's Southern Zone are working hard, diligently getting ready so that your time at the convention is an enjoyable, memorable, and inspiring experience. They can't wait for your arrival.

The “deer” ladies of the Southern Zone and the Rocky Mountain District are excited to have you come to the Antlers for a blessed time of fun and fellowship with each other and our Lord.

Sue Herrmann  
Marybeth Zurcher  
Co-Convention Chairmen

### *Wanted—Rally Articles & Pictures*

Now that the zone rallies are finished let's share the joy! What was the highlight of your rally? Did you do a fun servant event? Send short articles along with photos to the Tidings editor. Email address is on the back page.

# HEART2HEART SISTERS

*Gerri Passmore*

*LWML RMD H2H Sister*

When reading the book of Revelation, we get John’s account of God gathering His saints from “all nations”. Attendees at the 2015 LWML H2H Conference got a little foretaste of this event when we gathered in Des Moines in June.

Prior to the actual start of the convention a sub-group, called Heart to Heart, assembled to obtain orientation and training to share with the greater assembly and eventually, with our home congregations and communities.

As we beheld one another, we saw sisters representing many districts who hailed from all around the world. There were women from Africa, Asia, Guatemala, Mexico, and many other countries and locales. Our American sisters included Blacks, Latinas, and yes, even Anglos (who experienced firsthand how it felt to be a minority in a group). My roommate was an American citizen who was born in a Japanese internment camp. Yes, we had various backgrounds, but we had one very common bond. We all know that Jesus loves us, died for us, and wants us to share this news with others who haven’t realized it yet.

Our group’s idea was born back in 2001 when a group of LWML ladies realized we needed to teach one another to relate to the seed of love God planted in the hearts of all His creation. This was being hindered as many of us got stuck on the differences evident in our skin colors and cultures. They decided we needed to relate Heart2Heart, not skin to skin. Doing so with our fellow Lutherans should make it easier to do so in our own communities and day to day lives. They conceived a way to achieve this and then began the forming of a group that materialized a couple of years later.

When this year’s convention actually began, our little group of twenty plus got to be presented to our greater group of 4500 plus. We wore various native or cultural dresses, shared various cultural goodies and were open to questions. We sat in awe, as did others, when that magnitude of voices was lifted up in praise to the Almighty God, and we added our mites to others so that His will may better be done in many areas upon the face of the earth.

The next time you encounter a person who is “different” from yourself don’t look down or away. Give a smile to them, as you remember they are a part of our God’s magnificent creation.



## LWML Convention 2017

Salt Lake City here we come!

June 22-25, 2017

### THEME: “JESUS CHRIST ABOVE ALL”

*Host Committee:*

Montana, Rocky Mountain, Utah-Idaho, Wyoming Districts

*Convention Goal statement:*

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, through Word and Sacrament, I will proclaim  
JESUS CHRIST ABOVE ALL.

*Convention Objectives — Each convention attendee will be:*

Encouraged through worship and Bible study

Equipped to share His message of salvation

Engaged in celebrating God’s faithfulness while serving the Lord with gladness



Volunteers are needed to help at SLC convention 2017!

Volunteer Forms for the 2017 SLC LWML Convention are available from:  
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