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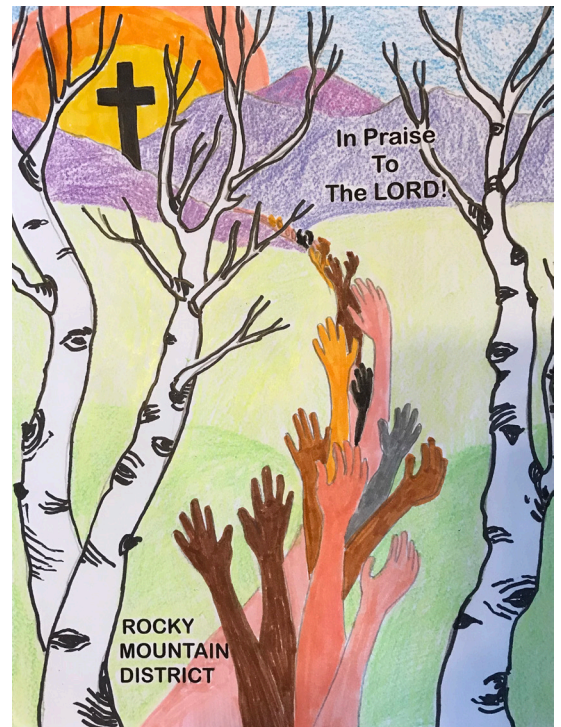
Banner Design and Young Woman Representatives Revealed at BOD

Our president Debbie Yocky discovered which banner design she will be carrying during the 2019 Mobile convention opening ceremonies. Sue Giddings designed the banner and describes the meaning of the banner as “through Jesus, God came down off the mountain to bring His Gospel Message to all. We praise Him for this marvelous gift.

- The hands raised in praise represent people of all colors and nations.
- The purple mountains remind us of God’s glory and the Rocky Mountain District where the Rocky Mountains stretch north to Canada and south to Mexico.
- The aspen trees, often scarred and beaten, are prevalent in the Rocky Mountain District and mimic the people’s hands raised in praise.

Thanks be to God who, through Jesus, has adopted us as His own and healed us inside and out.”

Two young women will be joining Debbie at the 2019 Mobile convention in June as our district’s Young Woman Representatives (YWRs): Christina Bean (Pecos Zone) and Julie Tibbetts (Northern New Mexico Zone). Emily Geisler (Northern Zone) will be our alternate YWR. 🌿





Debbie Yocky
PRESIDENT

*Rejoice always,
pray without
ceasing, give
thanks in all
circumstances; for
this is the will of
God in Christ Jesus
for you.*

— 1 Thess. 5:16–18
2018–2020 Biennium
Theme Verses

Spring is finally on its way! We survived the Polar Vortex and warm weather is on the way. I experienced more snow in Albuquerque and Durango this winter than I have seen in a while and I am very grateful for warmer weather.

I can't wait to enjoy some Southern hospitality and warm weather with all my LWML friends at the Mobile Convention June 20–23. Our theme will be "In Praise to the Lord". Registration forms and hotel information were in the Winter *Quarterly* and registration is officially open online. As our southern friends say "Y'all come!"

As you all know from the Albuquerque Convention, the host committee and the Convention Planning Committee have been hard at work. There will be missionary speakers, a Mission in Motion walk with a jazz band leading the way, lots of exhibits and the LWML store, wonderful music, and lots of LWML smiles.

Events kick off Thursday, June 20, 2019 with an opening worship service at 7:30 PM. Our Rocky Mountain District

Photo is also on June 20th at 4:15 PM followed by our District Caucus at 4:40 PM. If you have never attended an LWML convention you may wonder "What is a caucus?" A caucus is defined as a meeting or gathering. Anyone from the Rocky Mountain District who is attending the convention is welcome to attend our caucus. We'll meet our Young Women Representatives, have a little fun, and hear a little information about candidates and mission grants. Please come and join us.

Much more information about the convention will be available on our website, in the *Tidings*, and on the LWML website. Many new products will be unveiled in the LWML store. I will hope many of you will attend. Y'all come!

A special thank you to the ladies at Mt. Olive, Aurora, Colo. for hosting our 2019 Board of Directors meeting. We enjoyed the great food you provided us. Your above and beyond duty of clearing the snow from the parking lot and sidewalks was especially thoughtful. Thank you. 🌿

Debbie



Beth Nagy
VP CHRISTIAN LIFE

2019 Prayer Service Resources are Available

The 2019 Prayer Service, written by past LCMS Rocky Mountain District President Rev. Allen D. Anderson, is centered around the acronym for "CARES" and based on Psalm 94:17–19: *If the Lord had not been my help, my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence. When I thought, "My foot slips," your steadfast love, O LORD, held me up. When the cares of my heart are many, your consolations cheer my soul.*

The Prayer Service is designed

to be used at any time, by large or small groups. It is an abbreviated worship service. This material is copyrighted by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and users agree to use the service in full context.

Prayer Service resources are available at lwml.org/prayer-service. 🌿



Words with Substance

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:3



Pr. Trent
Christensen

SENIOR PASTORAL
COUNSELOR

In Christ's Service

Birthdays. Occasions. Holidays and anniversaries. "Congratulations!" "Get well soon!" "Happy Bastille Day!" Well, maybe not that last one. But every so often family, close friends, and co-workers send thoughtful cards. Greeting Card companies have made bazillions manufacturing cards for us so that we might tell someone that we are thinking of them. We pick out a card and sign our name and maybe, we will include a short handwritten note to make the card more personal. We have been thinking of that person long before buying that card and we will be thinking of them long after we have sent it.

Some people may read 1 Corinthians 1:3, "Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" and conclude that is a type of common, generic greeting like, "Happy Birthday" on a card. True, Paul did use those same words as a greeting in many of his other letters. Those words, though, mean much, much more than "Hi", because Paul wishes grace and peace to people from God our Father and the Lord Jesus! It is His grace that extends through eternity past, present, and future because God and His grace are without beginning or end. That grace embraces you now as you begin your Lenten meditation this month. That grace encircles you as you face whatever is going on in your life, all because in His amazing grace the Son of God became incarnate as a human being just like you, walked in your shoes, and will never forget what it is like for you.

People forget to appreciate that grace when they consider the Bible just a bunch of words put together a long time ago that don't have much to say to someone living today or in our circumstance. The Bible doesn't have much to say when I am struggling. "If only I could talk face-to-face with God instead." Those people think the Bible will have no more effect on our lives than receiving a greeting card with a factory printed message that the person who signed it didn't even write. Just like last year's card, some would throw away the promises that God has made to them in His Word, as if they were just wishful thinking when they don't seem to change their lives. (Like it's one thing to receive a "Get well" card, and it is another thing to actually get well!)

Tidings readers, "grace and peace" are more than just words. They are statements about God Himself. "Grace and peace" are statements about God's eternal unchanging heart toward you. Grace – He wants to be beyond generous to you. Peace – He feels no anger toward you. Jesus proved those words with His unhesitating life of service and His unlimited self-sacrifice on the cross for the sins of the world. For your sins and my sins.

"Grace and peace" sets you apart from the world. "Grace and peace" give you something unique and blessed that you can count on. "Grace and peace" give you..... God's own heart.

"Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." 🌿



Amy Schultz

VP GOSPEL
OUTREACH

Mission Grant Recipients for the 2018–2020 Biennium

	Granted	Paid
Intern at Navajo Reservation in New Mexico	\$9,600	\$2,000
Trinity/HOPE	\$5,000	\$2,000
University Lutheran Chapel, Boulder	\$6,000	\$2,000
Messiah Lutheran Campus Ministry at Colorado Mesa University	\$6,000	\$2,000
Fostering Faith in the Forest (LVR)	\$5,000	
St. Andrew Lutheran Church Plant	\$6,700	\$3,500
Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission	\$7,500	\$3,750
Lutherans for Life Post-Abortion Crisis Hotline	\$5,000	
The Table at Bethlehem Lutheran Church	\$5,000	\$2,500
Financial Assistance for Concordia Theological Seminary Food Co-op	\$8,000	\$3,000
To Establish Lutheran Seminary in Sierra Leone	\$10,000	\$5,500
Lutheran Books for Missionaries around the World	\$5,000	\$3,250
Dominican Republic Disability Ministry (partial)	\$3,514	
TOTAL	\$82,314	\$29,500



Linda Harsh

MISSION GRANTS
COMMITTEE

Financial Assistance for Concordia Theological Seminary Food Co-op

The Food and Clothing Co-op on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana plays a key role in helping students feed and clothe their families during their seminary years. Nearly 60 percent of the students are married, second career with families. Access to the seminary's Food and Clothing Co-op helps reduce their financial burden. The Food Co-op supplies approximately 80 to 85 percent of all food and household needs each month at no cost to the student. It operates as an actual cooperative with each family volunteering at the Co-op, earning points to be redeemed on shopping day. The Co-op is supported by donations from individuals, churches and other organizations. We adopted an \$8000 grant to support this ministry at our 2018 convention.

The Co-op spends about \$7000

a month on perishable items, household and paper products.

The Co-op is current feeding 427

people (283 seminary students

and spouses, 144 children). Since

July 1, 2018 the Co-op has been able

to purchase the following items:

- \$3,127.58 at the grocery store
- \$15,344.68 in fresh produce
- \$6,474.41 in fresh dairy
- \$2,383.61 in paper products (diapers, baby wipes, laundry and dishwasher detergent, paper towels and toilet paper)
- \$1,809.13 from the local food bank

Plus they received 15 hogs and 2 steers to provide meat for the students.

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“My mother-in-law blames the Catholics. She was raised Catholic, and the “norm” was to go to church, sit through the service, then go home. There was no talking with anyone, except maybe the priest, and any religious insight you got had to be reached on your own. My mother-in-law doesn’t go to a Catholic church anymore.

“But it made me think, how many times do we see a new person at church, say good morning, then go about our business? I know I’ve done it. They won’t get to know God and the gracious forgiveness of His love if we don’t tell them. Just like Peter and the eunuch,

when he explained the scriptures to him, we need to invite these people to Bible study, Sunday School, SOMETHING.

This time of year there is a lot of focus on families, friends, parties, being with people. It’s just as possible that the person we see surrounded by people still feels alone. The answer is Jesus. We know this, but if we don’t share it, can we really count on someone else doing it? What if they do it but tell things wrong? What if they share in a way that pushes that person away from Christ? We’ve been given the best gift ever, and it only gets better if we share it. 🌿



Shelley Stewart

VP SERVANT
RESOURCES

Board of Directors

“Follow the Leader was the theme throughout the weekend for the 2019 LWML Rocky Mt. District Board of Directors. It was a weekend of learning through Bible studies, presentations, and conversations. There was



adventure to be had with the weather. Votes were cast for the 2019 Mobile convention banner and YWR selections. The LWML Rocky Mt. District Facebook page shows some more photos. Check it out. 🌿



Scholarships Available!

The LWML Rocky Mountain District has established ten yearly scholarships of \$500 for students in our district studying for full time church work. Students planning to study for professional church work in our Synod are eligible to apply each spring for the next academic school year. We feel offering scholarships encourages our young people to pursue full time church work and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to our world. Scholarships will be given to students studying to become pastors, teachers, DCEs, deaconesses, parish workers, and congregational social workers. Applicants must be members of a Lutheran Church–Missouri

Synod congregation in our Rocky Mountain District and enrolled at a synodical University or Seminary. More information and scholarship forms can be found on lwmlrmd.org under “Forms and Resources.”

“Ladies, we need your help to get the word out! Please encourage all students from your congregation that meet these criteria to apply each spring, and share this info with your pastor!

“Also, please consider a gift to the Scholarship Endowment Fund in any amount to make this fund self-supporting. Checks may be sent to the District treasurer and marked “Scholarship Endowment Fund.” 🌿



Susan Frauenfeld

SCHOLARSHIP
COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN



Ida Mall

Ida Mall lived in the Rocky Mountain District for 77 years. She was president of International Lutheran Women's Missionary League when Lutheran Women's Missionary League-Canada was formed in 1993. She represented current president, Patti Ross, at the LWMLC convention in Winnipeg, July 2018.

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The Waters of Our Lives

“RIVER WATER. Colorado River, Platte River, Arkansas River. During our 17 years in Colorado, U.S., these three rivers provided irrigation water, fishing, entertainment and at times devastation. Interstate 70 and the Colorado River run side by side in a very narrow gorge near Glenwood Springs, Colorado. Most of the time, both co-exist peacefully. However, with an excessive amount of rain, the power of the water/river has overcome and flooded the lower level of the two-story interstate highway causing its closure. The rivers serve as examples of power, calmness and sustenance. Even more importantly, the rivers are examples of our need for water, living water.

“GRANDPARENTS’ FARM POND. The Colorado rivers are recent memories, but my childhood pond in Eldridge, Missouri, is a lasting memory. The pond was needed for the farm animals, the garden and for fishing. To keep the pond filled with water, we were dependent on the goodness of God to send the rain. I still remember how we watched the hoof prints of the cows and horses on the edges of the pond’s banks to determine how to prioritize the water’s use. This pond was the centre of our earthly lives. Although my grandparents, who reared me, have been deceased for years and the farm sold, I still see the hoof prints in the pond’s mud.

“DEEP WATER. The deer pants for water in the first half of Psalm 42:1; the second half of the verse says, “so my soul pants for you, O God.” God provides the water the deer need. Can you see the deer take a drink, look up, gaze about and drink again? Do we pant for God and drink of His water?

“LIVING WATER FOR THE SAMARITAN WOMAN. The need for living water is clearly expressed in John 4 when Jesus talks with the Samaritan woman. She

had gone to the well to draw water to drink. Jesus asks her for a drink. Both the woman and Jesus would benefit from the drink of water. To her surprise as a Samaritan, Jesus, a Jew, offers her a drink of water, living water. He even explains to her that by drinking the living water she will never thirst again. In verse 13, Jesus says the water will “well up to eternal life.”

“LIVING WATER FOR YOU AND ME. Just as the Samaritan woman needed earthly water and living water, so do we need earthly water, but especially the living water of Jesus. In our baptism, we received living water in accordance with the words of Matthew 28:19. In Luther’s Small Catechism with Explanation (CPH), it says, “As Christians, we are God’s baptized people! We are His adopted children, together with all believers and we live and die in the confidence that He has redeemed us and we are His.” Consider studying Isaiah 55 which is a special invitation from God to the thirsty.

“LIVING WATER SHARED. How blessed we are to be given opportunities to share the living water of Christ with others. I offer a few simple suggestions for your consideration:

1. Use or include a Christian message or Bible verse with greeting cards.
2. Include a Christian thought with a meal or food provided to help others.
3. Tell your own or others’ children and grandchildren that Jesus loves them; start at birth and continue as they grow older.
4. Greet people with a smile and a kind word.
5. If you wear a cross and receive a compliment, be ready with a thank you and a brief statement about the meaning/importance of the cross for you and/or others. 🌿

Let's Get Social

“Lutheran Women one, and all, we have heard the social media call? I can hear you now, “I don’t have social media!”, “I don’t want social media!”. That is just fine! If you do have social media however, especially Facebook, are you following the LWML-RMD page? If not, here are some of the things you could see daily: Mite Box Challenges, Mission Grant information and updates, information on District Convention and National Convention. You will also find the Mustard Seed Devotions, as well as posts shared from LCMS, other LWML districts, and the various Concordia Musical Groups.

“I would like to see this as a place where we can share projects that various societies or churches are working on, such as the Faith Lutheran Church float in the Milliken Parade of Lights, or the Christmas Tea at Bethlehem Lutheran in Lakewood. I would also like to create event notifications for the various Fall Rallies,

and Spring Workshops that will be happening across the zones. Additionally, this fall, I’m hoping to create or share events from the various societies about the blizzard of craft fairs, soup lunches, and holiday bazaars that everyone hosts.

“Now, if you don’t have Social Media, and you want to get started this would be a great way to reach across generation gaps, reach out to young women, have them help you! Get to know them, and invite them to Spring Workshop, maybe even encourage them to apply to be a Young Woman Representative to the next District Convention.

“If none of the above posts sound appealing to you, I would love your feedback, this is not my Facebook page, or my social media page, this is the LWML-RMD Facebook page. As we begin to expand into other aspects of social media, we will be looking for ideas on what to include. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, contact me at socialmedia@lwmlrmd.org. 🌿



Emily G. Geisler

SOCIAL MEDIA
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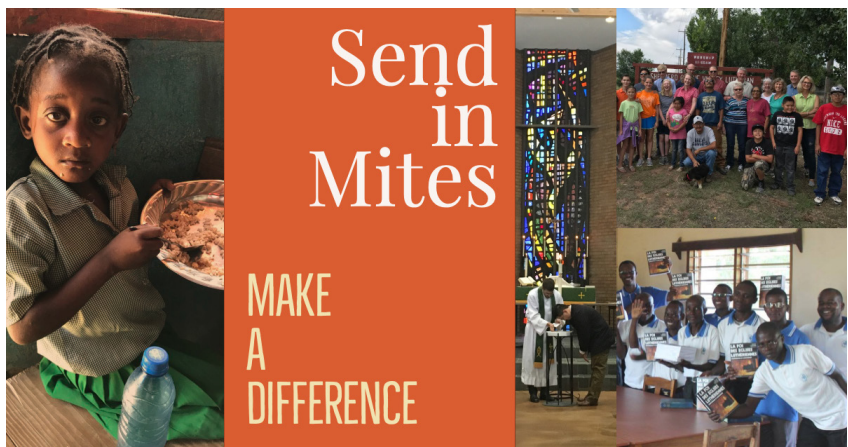
“Katherine Rittner, Director of Food and Clothing Co-op, expressed her thanks for our support, “God truly has blessed us with people like you who care and provide for the students and their families as they prepare to work in the harvest field. You are amazing!” Praise the Lord, a partial payment of \$3000 has been paid towards this grant. Keep those Mighty Mites coming! 🌿





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

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