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## Deadlines and Events are Here— It's Fall before a Convention Year

It's a district convention year — and not just any convention, it will be our 50th convention. Let's celebrate! With each convention, we come together to make decisions to select mission grants and to elect new officers. Much work goes into planning a convention and some deadlines are approaching. Information will be available on our website [lwmlrmd.org](http://lwmlrmd.org) as it becomes available. Be on the look out for items posted on our Facebook page, [facebook.com/LWML.RMD](https://facebook.com/LWML.RMD), as well.

Friday, November 1, 2019 marks the date to have nominations for officers and mission grants applications submitted. Visit our [website](http://lwmlrmd.org) for applicable forms. Information about district officer nominations is available on page 6.

Mission grant proposals may be submitted by LWML Rocky Mt. District members, societies, and zones. Mission grants proposals should extend the ministry of the Word, be current and ready for implementation, as well as ongoing in nature. A completed Directory of Grant Personnel form should be sent with the proposal to VP Gospel Outreach Amy Schultz. Contact information is listed on the form. Let's bring Jesus to the world!

Fall Rallies 2019 are already underway. Northern and South Central zones had their rallies on Saturday, August 24. A Follow the Leader Workshop will be held in the Denver area on Saturday morning, September 7, 2019. For more information about the workshop as well as location and times for other zone rallies, please check out the [Fall Events](#) post on our website. If you have the last issue of the *Tidings*, all fall zone rallies are listed and contact information for each zone president is available on the last page of the *Tidings*. 🌿



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

“Fall is a time of change — the air is finally cooler, the leaves are changing. There can be a sense of loss of the carefree days of summer and a dread of the cold winter months ahead. But dreading change doesn’t stop it from coming. Our children grow into adults, our hair turns grey and our eyesight dims. The image you glimpse out of the corner of your eye in your mirror is not your mother, it’s you. When did that happen?

This is also a time of transition in the LWML. Each year we have our fall rallies at new locations and elect new officers. But do we take the time to evaluate why we do what we do and if it is still effective?

One thing I want you all to consider is does the term Fall Rally still convey our purpose in gathering together as a Zone. If you were new to LWML would an invitation to a fall rally mean anything to you? Our Spring Events are often called Retreats or Workshops and have an emphasis on fellowship and growth. Our fall events are often filled with more business (bylaws, elections, convention reports) but there are mission speakers and Bible studies as well. We learn about mission grants and gather with our LWML sisters. Would a different name convey the LWML purpose and mission better? Many other districts have adopted new names for fall events. What works for us in the Rocky Mountain District? Our zone presidents spent time at our February Board of Directors

brainstorming and sharing ideas. We want your input on a new name. What would you like to see at our fall events? I will be attending nine rallies this year—I would love to see you there.

When we gather for our 2020 Convention at Keystone Resort, we will be celebrating our 50th Convention. What a wonderful time to look back at our past and remember the amazing women that have served as our leaders, remember the milestone events, savor the relationships of the present, and look to the future. You’ll hear more about the plans in progress at your fall rallies and in future emails and *Tidings*. Make sure you put June 5–7, 2020 on your calendar. You don’t want to miss it.

Fall is my favorite time of the year. I love the crisp cool air and the changing leaves. But it is also my favorite time of the year because I get to spend it with all of you. I love seeing familiar faces and meeting new LWML women in each of our zones. See you soon. 🍂

*Debbie*



I'm sure that many of you have heard the old joke, "How many Lutherans does it take to change a lightbulb? None. They don't like change." We certainly do have a reputation for being a people opposed to change. This is in large part due to the traditional nature of our worship and faith. This is not a bad thing. It is not something that we should try to hide or be ashamed of. Tradition has an important role in our lives as Christians. Nonetheless, there are many who seek to be proponents of change. This is not automatically a bad thing either.

There are times when change is not a terrible thing. As we get older, we need to adjust how we move and do things so that we can still accomplish our needed tasks and be safe. It is necessary to adjust and change in the life of a congregation as well. We do renovation projects and give parts of the building a face lift. People get new positions of leadership. Congregation members move away while new people join. Young people grow up, get confirmed, and move away. Pastors come and go. It was only a short time ago that the LCMS adopted a new hymnal.

If we are honest, there is no shortage of change that happens in our lives. The really frightening nature of change is not the change itself, it is the nature of the unknown associated with the change. We don't know what is going to happen. If we take a step, if we move or change, how is it going to turn out? This is what brings fear for us. This is what makes change so worrisome.

As we ponder these things, I am reminded of this passage from the book of Hebrews, *Jesus Christ is the*

*same yesterday and today and forever.* Hebrews 13:8 (ESV) We have a God who does not change. This means that even in the face of all the changes that we see in this life, our God remains with us and he remains unchanging.

He continues to speak to us with the same Word that he has used for thousands of years. Our sins are washed away in the waters of Baptism just as they have for every generation of Christians before us and after us. We receive the same body and blood of Christ that every other Christian has faithfully received. These are the things of our God and they are the ways in which he comes and serves us. He blesses us with this unchanging nature so that we never have to continue to redefine ourselves or our faith. We never need fear that we have to find some new way to connect to God because he is the one who in his unchanging love comes to us.

All of this He does out of His divine grace and mercy that we have received in Jesus Christ our Lord. We have nothing to fear in this life because if God is for us, who can be against us? That includes also the changes that happen in life. As long as we remain faithful to who we are, what we have been given, we can make changes to the other things and that can be seen as good rather than troubling.

When we take the time to examine what is absolutely necessary and what things are not central to our identity, we can find the space to try new things. We can see such changes as opportunities to bring in new people and share with them the things that matter to us, even if we are doing it in a slightly different way now. ✝



Pr. Quintin  
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JUNIOR PASTORAL  
COUNSELOR

*In Christ's Service*



Amy Schultz

VP GOSPEL  
OUTREACH

## 2018–2020 Biennium Mission Grants Recipients

	Granted	Paid
Intern at Navajo Reservation in New Mexico	\$9,600	\$6,500
Trinity/HOPE	\$5,000	\$2,000
University Lutheran Chapel, Boulder	\$6,000	\$6,000
Messiah Lutheran Campus Ministry at Colorado Mesa University	\$6,000	\$6,000
Fostering Faith in the Forest (LVR)	\$5,000	\$2,500
St. Andrew Lutheran Church Plant	\$6,700	\$5,000
Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission	\$7,500	\$4,750
Lutherans for Life Post-Abortion Crisis Hotline	\$5,000	\$2,500
The Table at Bethlehem Lutheran Church	\$5,000	\$5,000
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	\$3,514
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$82,314</b>	<b>\$55,514</b>



Linda Harsh

MISSION GRANTS  
COMMITTEE

### University Lutheran Chapel

Currently, University Lutheran Chapel (ULC), located on the campus of the University of Colorado in Boulder, has a group of about 20 students that gather for Divine Service, Bible Studies, theology game nights, and other fellowship activities. Pastor Hayes is their full-time campus pastor to shepherd them as they face the many faith challenges of college life on a secular campus.

A few times a year at university events, like the Involvement Fair, the ULC students host a table to reach out to new students. This past winter, eight students and Pastor Hayes attended the LCMS National Campus Ministry conference in Fort Wayne, Ind. The topic was “Witness.” In the spring, ULC hosted a similar event including students from Colorado

State University and Wyoming, focusing on ways to talk to people when they express their reasons for not going to church.



During the last school year students completed a fundraiser to repair the pipe organ that has broken for six years. The organ was rededicated on Sunday, July 21, 2019. Amy Schultz, LWML RMD VP Gospel

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## The Forgotten

At the National LWML Convention in June, Mites in Action speaker Jaclyn Rychel spoke of her mission to the Christian Eldercare Home in Haiti (2017–2019 LWML Mission Grant #10). She moved us to tears speaking of these “forgotten” people, who were once beloved mothers and fathers, now forgotten and left to starve on the streets. These people craving human contact are happy for a touch from another person.

The Bible is full of promises from God that He will not forget us. Isaiah 46:4–5 is my favorite: *Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.*

*“With whom will you compare me or count me equal? To whom will you liken me that we may be compared?”*

Thank God that we will never be truly alone. At the same time, thanks be to God that there are ministries out there for those that physically have been forgotten. It seems we live in a world that is so self-centered that when things (or people) have passed their usefulness, we get rid of them, and just throw them away. We've seen this in the divorce rate and genocide. Let's pray to God to help us see the usefulness of the people around us, so we don't take them for granted and always cherish them. 🌿



Shelley Stewart

VP SERVANT  
RESOURCES

*University Lutheran Chapel continued from page 4.*

Outreach attended this celebration and presented Pastor Hayes with a \$2000 check. Praise the Lord our \$6000 mission grant for University Lutheran Chapel has been paid in full! Please keep this ministry in your prayers; they have a significant cash flow problem. The “old house” portion of the property needs demolition or a major renovation which means they no longer have student renters. The Rocky Mt. District's Board of Directors (who owns the property) is seeking ways to meet this challenge and enable ministry at the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado for years to come. 🌿



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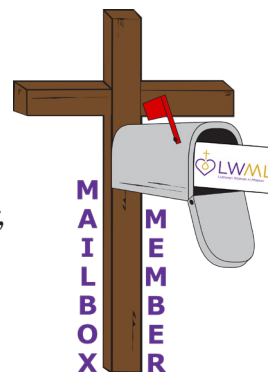
## LWML Mailbox Member Program

Have you checked out the new items on the LWML website? There are many available at no charge, just download the item.

One new item is “LWML Mailbox Member Program”. This is an intentional way to reach out to the women of your congregation. It outlines ways to connect via social media and email. Check it out at [lwml.org/mailbox](http://lwml.org/mailbox). There are several separate pieces – Guidelines, Coordinator’s Guide, Welcome

Packet, monthly resources, Invitations and Publicity, and Blessing Cards.

Just a reminder, as we gear up for fall, several DVD Bible studies are available for loan. Please contact Beth Nagy, VP Christian Life. 🌿



Nancy Kraft

NOMINATING  
COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMAN

## 2020 Positions Open for Nominations

Have you ever considered working at the LWML Rocky Mt. District level? There are several positions open on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors open. Nominations need to be in by November 1, 2019. Will your name be on the list?

So what positions are open and what would it involve, you might ask? The nominating committee (Nancy Jo Kraft, Chairman; Cindie Corvin; Tiffany Hoff; Colleen Spahr; and Anita Werner) are seeking nominations for the following offices: VP of Christian Life, VP of Communications, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Jr. Pastoral Counselor, and members for the nominating committee. Elections will take place at the LWML Rocky Mt. District Convention in Keystone, Colo., June 2020.

Suggestions for nominations may be submitted by individuals or societies. Please contact Nominating Chairman, Nancy Kraft via phone (text or voice) at 303-870-3433; or email: [nomcom@lwmlrmd.org](mailto:nomcom@lwmlrmd.org); or mail at PO Box 4123, Gypsum, CO 801637. The Nominating Committee will contact the nominee, secure nominations, and have the nominee complete the *Volunteer Profile Form*.

If you would like to know more about what the position entails and time commitment, please contact current officers as listed on page 8. A general statement of duties is available from our website, [lwmlrmd.org/mark-your-calendars/](http://lwmlrmd.org/mark-your-calendars/).

Thank you for taking time to prayerfully consider being a next leader in our Rocky Mt. District. 🌿

## Scholarship Recipients for 2019–2020

The LWML Rocky Mt. District Scholarship committee is very glad to announce the 2019–2020 school year scholarship recipients! Ten students will each receive a \$500 scholarship this school year, funded by the LWML RMD mites. The LWML RMD scholarship endowment fund is not yet sufficiently funded to disburse.

☞ Kelly Albers, from Zion Lutheran Church, Brighton, Colo. will attend Concordia University, Neb.

☞ Raymond Cox, from Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Highlands Ranch, Colo., will attend Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Sara Groeling, from Christ Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, N.M., will attend Concordia University, Neb.

☞ Linaya Kolke, from Christ Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, N.M., will attend Concordia University, Irvine, Calif.

☞ Rachel Kunkel, from Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs, Colo., will attend Concordia University, Neb.

☞ Erin Sue Johnson, from Zion Lutheran Church, Brighton, Colo., will attend Concordia University, Neb.

☞ Esther Langness, from Ascension Lutheran Church, Littleton, Colo. will attend Concordia University, Neb.

☞ Naomi Moon, from Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs, Colo., will attend Concordia University, Neb.

☞ Ruth Moon, from Concordia Lutheran Church, Steamboat Springs, Colo., will attend Concordia University, Neb.

☞ Kianna Ogilvie, from Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs, Colo, will attend Concordia University, Neb.

☞ Please keep these 10 students in your prayers that our scholarship might be a blessing in their lives this school year.

The scholarship endowment fund gladly accepts donations of any amount, to help in this worthwhile cause of encouraging our young people to go into full time church work. Donations can be sent to the LWML Rocky Mt. District treasurer marked “Scholarship Endowment Fund”. To God be the Glory! 🌿

*To the women of LWML,  
Thank you so much once again for the scholarship support from the LWML! It is always a huge blessing (relief) when it comes to buying books for the coming semester. I will be entering my fourth and FINAL year year at Concordia, NE! Where I will graduate with an Elementary Ed degree! I will then plan to teach in the Lutheran schools! Thank you again!  
God's Blessings, Kelly Albers*

*Dear LWML,  
Thank you so much for supporting me financially through college! Your support will allow me to keep debt low and go where God calls me without worrying as much about money.  
Thank you! Ruth Moon*



Sue Frauenfeld

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