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Are you ready for the 51st LWML Rocky Mountain District Convention? Inspiring speakers, good food, nice accomodations, New Mexico sunsets, Bible study, worship, informative exhibits and more await you.

In this issue of the *Tidings* you can read about the enrichment session leaders, worship leaders and other convention personalities. Put on your thinking caps and suggest names for the LWML Store and the Exhibit Hall. Prizes will be gift certificates to the store. Don't forget there are deadlines for everything, so get your registration in on time and reserve your room soon.

From the mission grants chart, you can see lots of purple indicating that we have paid all the grants in full. But don't stop sending your mites, we still have to fulfill our donation to the National LWML. Our Mission In Action speakers will present to us about two of the mission grants we supported this biennium.

If you haven't already registered for the convention, the deadline to save money and register early is April 1. There is a registration form on page 11 and you can find out about the Saturday banquet and lunch fare by reading the article about the Board of Director's meeting on page 10.

The Convention hotel is the Marriot in Albuquerque located at 2101 Louisiana Blvd NE. The last day to book your room is Monday, May 9, 2022. The price is \$109 USD per night.

Here is the link to make reservations:

Book your group rate for Lutheran Women's Missionary League - Rocky Mountain District Meeting
Event Summary: Lutheran Women's Missionary League - Rocky Mountain District Meeting Start Date: Thursday, June 2, 2022 End Date: Sunday, June 5, 2022

See you in Albuquerque!

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Debbie Yocky
PRESIDENT

*Let the word
of Christ
dwell in you
richly*



*Colossians
3:15-17*

*Biennium
Theme Verse*

Spring has arrived! It is great to see new flowers blooming and feel the temperatures rising. There is a freshness in the air and almost anything seems possible.

I have great news. Our final mission grant was paid this month. Thanks be to God. We are still a little short on our commitment to the national LWML grants but I know each of you are continuing to pray and send in those mites to help meet our Mission Goal.

Are your groups gathering for Bible study and fellowship? Are you gathering items for the ingathering or hosting a zone prayer service? Let us know what is going on around the district.

Our 2022 Convention is right around the corner. This Tidings issue is filled with information about our Enrichment Session Leaders and Mission in Action speakers. I can't wait to see many of you in person this summer. Make sure to register before April 1st to get the Early-Bird registration price. I've heard that new groups are forming and dormant groups are becoming active

again. What wonderful news! Encourage women in your area to consider attending the Albuquerque Convention.

Have you heard about "What's Your 80?" 2022 is the 80th Anniversary of the formation of the LWML. We have planned events at convention including "Moving for Mites" and tying 80 fleece blankets during our Pre-Convention Servant Events. What are you doing at the group or zone level to celebrate the LWML 80th Anniversary? What's Your 80? Get creative! Please share your ideas and pictures of your events. If your group or zone would like to make a monetary donation to commemorate LWML's 80th Anniversary, please indicate "What's your 80?" on the check and remittance form. All donations will go to mites unless otherwise noted.

Enjoy the beautiful weather and fellowship with your sisters in Christ.

Blessings,

Debbie



God's Gifts of Love

Pr. Pete Scheele

SENIOR PASTORAL
COUNSELOR

As we move into the Lenten season of the church year, we are reminded of the greatest form of Love that God has given to us, as God says through the Apostle John, *For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.*

(Jn. 3:16 -17)

This is Agape Love in the Greek language and many of us would say that it is God's Love. That's true for in the purest form Agape Love is the Love that God has for each of us that led Him to give His only Son as the perfect sacrifice for all of our sins. Still there are seven forms of love in the English language that God proclaims in the Greek. These seven different words in the Greek Language that we translate as love in English are:

Agape—Sacrificial love that voluntarily suffers inconvenience, discomfort and even death for the benefit of another without expecting anything in return

Éros – Erotic Love, emotional love – the sum of life-preserving instincts that are manifested as impulses to gratify basic needs and to protect and preserve the body and mind.

Mentor— Guiding-love – someone who guides, helps and advises you over a period of time.

Philia – Brotherly Love – friendly feeling toward; a liking for someone or thing.

Philautia – Self-love – to love oneself or regard of one's own happiness, a kin to vanity and selfishness, synonymous with egotism and the lack of all the other forms of love.

Storge— Love between family members - familial love, refers to natural or instinctual affection, such as the love of a parent towards offspring and vice versa.

Xenia – Hospitality is giving love to strangers, making someone feel welcomed and accepted; part of the human herd instinct, making others feel wanted and needed.

Though only Agape, Eros, Philia and Storge are the only forms of love found in the New Testament Greek, all 7 forms of love are illustrated throughout the whole Bible. All of these forms of Love except for Philautia (Self-love) are found in the love that God shows to us during the Lenten and Easter season of the Church year. God's love in it's perfect form is given to us in combination and individual forms of Agape, Eros, Mentor, Philia, Storge and Xenia love all combined in how we relate with one another. God says through the Apostle John, *Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.* 1 Jn. 4:7-8)

In this passage, in the Greek language, Agape is the only form of Love that God uses through the Apostle John's words. Yet He is referring to the gift of Agape, Eros, Mentor, Philia, Storge and Xenia love that God gives to us. Yes, as we let God's Word grow and become a part of our lives we will find that God has gifted us with His love in these six forms of love, even though the devil is always encouraging Philautia (Self-Love) to take us away from the gifts of Love God has given to us. Through the Lenten and Easter season may you hold onto and grow in God's gifts of LOVE.



Jean Olsen

GOSPEL OUTREACH
COMMITTEE MEMBER

Opening the Drapes

Do you prefer your surroundings to be in darkness or bathed in light? These two grants definitely bring light to those shrouded in blindness or under Islam.

With a volunteer force of 3000, Lutheran Braille Workers is uniquely positioned to bring the light of Christ to more than 240 million visually challenged people worldwide. If this was a single country it would be the 5th most populated in the world! Over 200,000 volumes of braille and Large Print are produced annually by this non-profit. Lutheran Braille Workers is also the only Lutheran organization that intentionally serves this group. All is provided free yet material and production costs continue to rise. (8K grant)

Lutheran Heritage Foundation introduces the Savior to Muslims in the US and world. More than 30 Islamic Centers are located within RMD alone. Islam's grip on a country does not extend inside every home. LHF books are easily concealed, quietly read, and discreetly shared within. Thousands of translated hymnals, devotions, and other printed items are provided free. Similarly, many are reached thru the website. These items penetrate the hopelessness of Islam in our own backyard. Many experience peace for the first time upon understanding the salvation Christ brings. (5K grant)

Because of your mites, people living in physical and spiritual darkness experience the Light of Christ. Let's open the drapes!



Mites

Remember to send mites to our treasurer:

Yvonne Steeby
LWML RMD Treasurer
PO Box 1657
Alamogordo, NM
88310

Kingdom Kids' Camp at
Lutheran Valley Retreat:
\$5,000 | Paid in Full

Concordia Theological
Seminary Food & Co-op
Financial Assistance:
\$8,000 | Paid in Full

God Cares About You –
"Children's Weekend Food
Bag Ministry":
\$8,000 | Paid in Full

Mercy Meals of Colorado
Springs:
\$5,000 | Paid in Full

Interns at Shepherd of the
Valley Lutheran Church,
Navajo, NM:
\$9,000 | Paid in Full

Support for University
Lutheran Chapel, Boulder,
CO:
\$8,000 | Paid in Full

Introducing Muslims to the
Savior — Lutheran Heritage
Foundation:
\$5,000 | Paid in Full

Filling Haitian Tummies
Opens Ears to the Gospel —
Trinity HOPE:
\$5,000 | Paid in Full

Bringing Christ's Light to
Those Living in Darkness —
Lutheran Braille Workers:
\$8,000 | Paid in Full

The Table at Bethlehem
Lakewood, CO:
\$5,000 | Paid in Full

Reaching the Hispanic
Community of Commerce
City, CO:
\$7,996 | Paid in Full

LWML Global Bible Studies
by Donna Pyle:
\$3,964.28 | Paid in Full

\$77,960.28 | \$77960.288
100% Paid |

*Bethesda grant removed ...

Influencers

As my kids have grown, I'm always concerned about what is influencing them. Society, TV, even the "stars" on Tik Tok (the internet) are called "influencers." But have you ever wondered or considered about what influences you? The folks at work might not be a great influence, gossiping, and complaining too much. Or someone might be a great example of Christ's love to everyone they come in contact with. While we all "try" we can't do it on our own. Since we are a fallen people, we need the Holy Spirit to help us walk the "straight and narrow." In Galatians 2:6-7 Paul talks about being a good influence on others. He refers to those who

"seemed influential" but "added nothing to me." Then, others start paying attention when they realize that "I had been entrusted with the gospel." We can be a good influence to others with love and the Gospel too. I suggest surrounding yourself with the joyful and loving people of God.

How about attending the Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico this summer? There will be no shortage of joy and love there! I can guarantee that the ladies there will be a great influence, and you might also be a great influence on others too!

Shelley Stewart
SERVANT RESOURCES
VP



What's your punctuation?

Have you ever given thought to your favorite punctuation? Are you a multiple exclamation person? Or a stickler about commas. Sometimes you can rewrite something to use different punctuation. I know that I am quite fond of the em dash—. Next I am more likely to choose a period over an exclamation mark (also known as a bang).

Sometimes we think that the only way to get someone's attention is to be loud or emphatic. How many times is the opposite just as true? Maybe even more so in this fast-paced, noisy world. I find that a period can make someone pause. A moment to reflect. And sometimes it is most emphatic—Amen.

In the Psalms, there is a word that appears numerous times—*Selah*. It's a wonderful word because there is still speculation about it. God doesn't always give us answers; He does want us to seek Him and ask those questions (even the ones we don't want to utter).

Selah in its context is often considered to be a pause—particularly a pause to contemplate the text. Psalms were songs and many times we need to catch our breath before we continue the song. When we take the moment to catch our breath, do we really pause and reflect or are we already moving onto the next phrase or thing to get done. Most emphatically let's take a pause and reflect on a moment—whichever moment it is.

Tanya Hall
COMMUNICATIONS VP



Enrichment Session Leaders

Debbie Larson
LWML PRESIDENT



As Lutheran Women in Mission, we want to mentor and inspire other women. We want to share the Gospel with the lost and hurting. We want to encourage Bible study and mission service in our congregations. Are we accomplishing these goals? Let's explore the gifts God gave you to make a difference. Come with an open mind. With these thoughts in mind, Debbie's interest session is named, "Status Quo or Change for Growth?"

Debbie's vision for the LWML is that each woman is Held by His Word, Inspired to share Christ with others, and knows she is Surrounded by His grace. We are HIS and Debbie prays each woman recognizes and takes each opportunity God gives to serve others and share HIS love.

Debbie Larson moved from North Dakota to Colorado in 2017. Because her son and family still live in North Dakota many have asked Debbie why



she and Scott moved. Without hesitation, she replies, "Because this is God's plan for us. We have lived in North Dakota, Washington, Texas, and Colorado and each place has its own beauty—each congregation becomes family." She looks forward to seeing you in Albuquerque.





Join our Sister in Christ Heidi Norton as she helps us encourage one another, support each other and work together as women of all backgrounds to feel included in the LWML. We are all “Perfect Gifts from Above”, living out the beautiful diversity that is the body of Christ.

Heidi Norton

HEART TO HEART
SISTERS
CHAIRMAN

The title for Heidi’s session is “Heart to Heart--Sisters of All Nations”. Her focus is working together to help women of all backgrounds feel included in the LWML.



Heidi Norton grew up in Lodi, CA and attended college at Concordia, Portland. Here she met Tim and they were married in 1995. Most of their twenty seven years of ministry have been in cross-cultural settings, first in West Africa as church planters with the LCMS, and now serving at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church on the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico. They have two children, Philip, a student at Concordia Nebraska, and Leslie, about to start her senior year of high school. They have lived in Gallup, New Mexico for almost nine years.

Eden Keefe loves to laugh. And her joy is founded in Jesus Christ! She desires to share ways to be engaged in His Word and serve His people. Eden’s session is titled “Exploring Visual Faith Practices”. She will engage with you creatively using a variety of faith resources to enhance your prayer life, daily devotions, and Scripture readings.

Eden Keefe

VISUAL FAITH
COACH



Eden grew up on a dairy farm in Kansas, being “voluntold” for LWML activities by her mom, but it didn’t become her LWML until she was grown up and living in the Kansas City area. She has served on all levels of LWML. She also lived and served in the LWML Carolinas District for seven years. Each experience brought wonderful opportunities to be mentored, to grow, and to serve!

Now residing in Overland Park, Kansas, Eden continues to be involved in LWML, most recently as the LWML Kansas District Planner, Endowment Committee Chairman, and Convention Chairman. She is also a Visual Faith Digital Missioner and Coach. She is delighted to be asked to share visual faith practices as we respond to “Perfect Gifts from Above” in Albuquerque!



Convention Personalities

Reverend Roger Schlechte

WORSHIP
PROCLAIMER



Rev. Roger Schlechte is the District President of the Rocky Mountain District—LCMS since 2018. Prior to his call to Emmaus Lutheran Church, Denver in 1991, he served congregations in Minnesota and Wisconsin. While at Emmaus the congregation re-started its parochial school. Pastor Schlechte is certified as an Intentional Interim Minister and used those skills working with three congregations in the Denver area following his “first” retirement.

At the time of his election in 2018, he was serving Resurrection in the City (formerly Mount Calvary Lutheran Church) as Intentional Interim/Rebirthing Pastor. The disciples at Resurrection in the City (RitC) made the bold decision to close Mount Calvary and re-birth as a new congregation with a new vision and

mission. Because of his life-long passion for reaching those who do not now Jesus, and his most recent work with RitC as they served their neighborhood, the Rocky Mountain District’s focus became clear—Know the Truth. Understand the Culture. Live the Faith.

He enjoys gardening, hiking, and traveling. When he is in the city, he tutors a 5th grader at Resurrection in the City’s SOAR tutoring/mentoring program. Pastor Schlechte is married to Karen. He has three sons: Todd (Birgit), Gretna NE; Keith (Melissa), San Antonio TX; and Jay (Sheila) Oakdale MN. They have five granddaughters, Xandra, Elena, Katrina, Celeste, and Miriam, and two grandsons, Jingyan and Zhenghong.

Pastor Pete Scheele

BIBLE STUDY
LEADER



One of the Gifts from above that Pastor Pete Scheele has been given is teaching. Pastor Pete Scheele was a Industrial Arts (shop) and Math teacher, coach and sponsor of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for 16 years before being called by God to go into the Ministry. Pastor Pete Scheele has been a Pastor and Teacher for 26 years serving at Shepherd of the Hill in Hermann, Missouri (for 8 years) and presently at Shepherd of the Rockies in Bailey, Colorado.

Pastor Scheele will be teaching and leading you during the District Convention through God’s Word about the Perfect Gifts from Above given to you. His hope is that he can teach you and help you learn how to use those Perfect Gifts from Above to better share God’s Love, Grace, Peace and Joy with others so that they too can come to know God’s Love, Grace and Mercy in their lives.

Beth Shroff is the music director at Christ Lutheran Church and School in Albuquerque, N.M. She has served as our song leader or accompanist at many district conventions. Her days in the LWML RMD began as the YWR to the LWML Kansas City Convention in 1995. Since then she has served on the Committee on Young Women

Mariachi San Pablo is a ministry for outreach and care at Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care, in El Paso, Texas. The saving Gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed through its music and message. The members, both youth and adult, strive to meld Christian and popular Mariachi music in both Spanish and English in order to serve, unite, and reach others through music. The current group is very active, with weekly rehearsals, and performing

As Mission in Action Speakers, Pastor Tim Norton and Germán Montiel, will speak about the ministries they serve. These ministries were also part of the 2020-2022 Mission Grants funded by your Mite boxes.

Reverend Tim Norton serves as the pastor for Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church on the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico. It was at Concordia that Tim first got involved in missions serving on a “Crossfire” Lutheran Youth Encounter team that traveled throughout the U.S. and six months in Ghana, Togo, & Cameroon, West Africa. Tim and his wife Heidi married in 1995 and served two congregations in California before serving in West

and is currently serving as *Quarterly Business Manager* for RMD. Beth was born and raised in Southeast Texas, and began using her musical talents in church and Lutheran school at a young age. She attended Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, and earned a B.M.Ed. degree.

frequently throughout El Paso, TX. Mariachi San Pablo has performed at churches, community events, conferences, and conventions in eighteen states (105 cities) since it was formed in 2001.

They performed at the 2017 LWML National Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Mariachi San Pablo have been the recipients of past National and Rocky Mountain District Mission Grants.

Africa from 1999–2011. Pastor Norton is pictured bottom right.

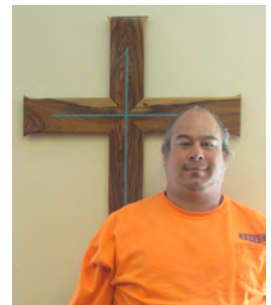
Germán Montiel is originally from Tucson, Arizona, where he graduated from the University of Arizona with a degree in Geography, in 2005. A few years later, Germán started teaching freshman Algebra at a Title I school. It was around then that he began serving the underprivileged communities in Tucson; refugees, asylum seekers, and the homeless population. German Montiel was recently appointed as director of God Cares About You Mission in Albuquerque, N.M. The mission serves the poor by providing food, clothing, Bible studies, and other support activities. Germán is pictured top right.

Beth Schroff
CONVENTION SONG
LEADER

Mariachi San Pablo
CONVENTION
PERFORMERS



MISSION IN ACTION
SPEAKERS



Board of Directors Meet, Ponder Gifts of Love



What better theme for a meeting in February than “Gifts of Love.” *Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.* 2 Corinthians 9:7

Your Rocky Mountain District Board of Directors met Saturday, February 5th over Zoom. The planned in-person meeting was changed since storms appeared and safety for the ladies was a priority and the roads north to south as well as east to west were troublesome.

The Bible Study by Pastor Pete Scheele and special presentation by Carol von Soosten were both based on the theme. Pastor Pete’s Bible study focused on the Seven Words for Love in the Greek language (which you can learn as well in his article this month). God’s love is seen in the sacrificial love that Jesus extended to us from the cross. Our conclusion is that only by God’s blessing are we able to share our love with others. Carol von Soosten’s presentation was focused on how we can share our material gifts and our statement of faith with our loved ones when we pass on. Carol is available to speak to zones or groups or work with individuals interested in gift planning. She can be reached by email at carol.vonsoosten@lfn.org

Before delving into the business of the convention, LWML planner, Anita Werner led us all in the Hokey Pokey to help us get our wiggles out. President Debbie Yocky gave her report. Her activities included attending many Fall Rallies and the District Retreat, as well as the the Presidents Assembly in St. Louis.

Parliamentarian, Mary Marten, read the Bylaw revisions that will be presented to the voting body.

Mission Minutes provided us with three informative looks at the Missions that we have funded with our Mite Box offerings.

Convention Coordinator, Chris Bostron has been hard at work with her co-chairmen to have the details worked out for your convention. The convention will be a time of celebration marking LWML’s 80th Birthday and the District’s 51st. There will be a banner procession to open the convention on Friday. Zone leaders are asked to bring their own pole and banner stand. The banquet on Saturday will feature surf and turf and there will be plenty of time for interacting. The Saturday luncheon will feature a South of the Border Menu.

The Zone Presidents gave their reports. Included in their reports were their preferred dates and locations for their 2022 Zone Rallies. They also told about successes and frustrations in their zones. One common source of frustration is the lack of volunteers willing to hold an office.

Candidates for officers, the grant proposals and further information about the Bylaws revisions will be in the May/June *Tidings*.

As you prepare for God’s gift of a warm summer, make plans for an inspiring convention in sunny Albuquerque, NM–June 3-5. Next be thankful for all the those who give their gifts to make the convention successful. Finally, ponder what gifts you can bring to God’s banquet.



Convention Registration & Meal Form

LWML Rocky Mountain District Convention, June 3-5, 2022
Marriott Albuquerque, 2101 Louisiana Boulevard NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110

General Instructions

Please print in black or blue ink.

Please check box:

- If you are a First-Time Attendee
 If you are a Teen

All registrants, including delegates, be sure your zone name is listed, and the full **TOTAL** remittance is enclosed. Incomplete forms will be returned to you. A letter of confirmation will be sent by e-mail or regular mail to all who register by May 1, 2022. This form is for **CONVENTION REGISTRATION & MEALS ONLY**

Please check one appropriate category for registration type:

- A: General Registration
- B: Group Delegate
- C: Group Alternate
- D: Zone Young Woman Representative
- E: Zone Teen
- F: District Board Member (voting)
- G: District Board Member (non-voting)
- H: District Committee Member (non-voting)
- I: Past District President, living in district (voting)
- J: Past District President (non-voting)
- K: Pastor (No Registration Fee)

Due to room and food commitments there will be **NO** refunds after June 1, 2022.

Everyone may attend all the Enrichment Sessions. Please mark the order of your attendance preference with the letter of the Enrichment Sessions. Due to room size and safety issues, please attend the Enrichment Sessions in the order listed on your badge.

To decrease wait time during sign-in, please fill out a current copy of the Meeting and Events Participation Information, Acknowledgment, Waiver, and Release Form, which will be emailed with your registration confirmation, and bring it with you to the registration table in Albuquerque in order to receive your registration packet and nametag.

Blank copies of the form will be available at the registration table; your wait time will be longer.

Duplicate this form for your records

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Badge Name _____
Last First

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email Address _____

Group _____

Church _____ Zone _____

REGISTRATION AND MEAL CHOICES

	Fees	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Pastor Registration		
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Registration (Postmarked by April 1, 2022)	\$105.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Registration (after April 1, 2022 or on-site)	\$125.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse Registration (Name) _____	\$ 50.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> One-Day Attendance: <input type="checkbox"/> Friday <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday	\$ 50.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Meal Package: 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners (includes Sat banquet)	\$120.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse Meal Package	\$120.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday lunch for Young Woman Representatives only	\$ 20.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday lunch for Teens only	\$ 20.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday banquet dinner only	\$ 35.00	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse Saturday banquet dinner only	\$ 35.00	\$ _____
Total for Registration and Meals		\$ _____

ENRICHMENT SESSIONS

- A. Debbie Larson, LWML National President
- B. Eden Keefe, Visual Faith Ministry
- C. Heidi Norton, Heart to Heart Sisters

My order choices for Enrichment Sessions are: 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

SPECIAL NEEDS

- I need a signer I am willing to sign I need large print I need braille
- I need a ride to the worship service at Christ Lutheran
- I am willing to drive others to the worship service at Christ Lutheran and can take _____ passengers in my car
- I have dietary restrictions/considerations: _____
- I need wheelchair access
- I have other needs: _____



Make checks out to: LWML RMD; mail registration form along with your check to: Joey Schilling, 5006 W. Hinsdale Circle, Littleton, CO 80128

Beth Weber

GIFTS OF LOVE
ADVOCATE



It is important to regularly review beneficiary designations of financial assets. A couple looks to leave a gift to their church and gifts to family. They filled out their insurance designation to distribute the death benefit to their church.

Their IRA beneficiary designation will go to family. From a tax perspective, that is exactly backwards, as the IRA has income tax associated with it and the insurance does not. A charitable gift of IRA assets to ministry will eliminate income tax based on that portion. Are your wishes aligned properly?

Your will gives instructions to give a 10% estate gift to your favorite ministry. Yet your beneficiary designations, which are followed independently of what is in your will, aim 95% of your net worth to your family. Things are out of balance.

Your LWML Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact your LWML Gift Planning Counselor by Email: Carol.vonSoosten@lfn.org or Phone: 800-741-4138 or on the web at lwmlgiftplan.org or our Rocky Mountain District GOL Advocate Elizabeth Weber by Email at weber4342@acsol.net or on her Cell: 970-361-0794.

Linda Harsh

MISSION SERVANTS
CHAIR

God loves a cheerful giver! We hope you having fun gathering items for our Gifts from the Heart Ingathering! Here is a reminder of the wish lists for the three outreaches we will be supporting:

- **God Cares About You — shares Christ's love to the disadvantages in ABQ's "international" zone**

Children's Bible Story Books,
new or used in good
condition

Hygiene Kits, hand towel, wash
cloth, bar of soap and small
packet of tissue in a large
ziplock bag

- **Hartley House — provides support and provisions to battered women**

New Underwear, all sizes and in
original packaging

Feminine Hygiene Products, in
original box or packaging

- **Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care — proclaims the Gospel on both sides of the border**

Blankets, all sizes, new or
gently used

New Toys, for ages 1 through 12
puzzles, Legos, toy vehicles,
earning toys, plush toys,
action figures, dolls, fidget
toys, coloring books,
cooking and kitchen,
craft kits, and board games

Please coordinate within your zone
the transportation of these Gifts
from the Heart donations to
Albuquerque.



What's in a Name?

Nancy Kraft

CONVENTION
CO-CHAIRMAN



What did you name your dog? Did you look into those ‘puppy eyes’ and fall in ‘love’? Maybe it’s a cat, bird, lizard, guinea pig...no matter, it’s your pet? Did you talk about THE name of your pet; were there family discussions?

It’s a fun opportunity to look at the convention Bible verse, the theme or maybe location and find a name for each venue.

The Exhibit Committee will choose the Exhibit Hall name and the Christian Life Committee will choose the LWML Store name. Yes, there are PRIZES...gift certificates to the LWML Store!

What did you name your child? There are many books with name definitions, maybe a family name, maybe a name you have had in your mind for years. It was so important and special; or maybe you looked at Your child and knew the name!

Please send your entries to events@lwml.org by April 1st!

Philippians 2, verse 9: *God has given Jesus a name that is above every name — that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.*

YOU have a name ‘A child of God...’
Eph.3:6

The 2022 LWML Rocky Mountain Convention EXHIBIT Hall and LWML STORE each needs a NAME.

Upcoming Events

- March 31 Deadline to submit mites for the 2020–2022 biennium
- April 1 Early Registration Deadline
- April 1 Name the LWML Store and the Exhibit Hall
- April 2 EC Meeting in Albuquerque
- May 9 Last day to book your room at the Marriot
- May 15 Deadline to submit articles for the Fall *Quarterly*, the theme is *Lord Teach us to Pray.*
- June 1 No refunds after this date.
- June 3–5 51st Rocky Mountain District Convention in Albuquerque
- October 19–22 Assembly of Leaders, St. Louis, Missouri
- June 22–25, 2023 National Convention in Milwaukee, WI
- June 26–29, 2025 National Convention in Omaha, NE

Can Good Come Out of Bad Things?



We are hosting my husband's cousin, Shawn, in our home this week. He is a Physician's Assistant in Merritt Island, Florida, and has come to our hometown to do electrocardiograms on athletes in the Durango school system and our local college, Fort Lewis. He is here to teach the importance of knowing how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), of having an automated external defibrillator (AED) in every public place, and to teach the athletic staff how to perform CPR and set up an AED. Shawn is not here because of his profession. He is here with a dedicated group of professionals and volunteers in the non-profit organization, "Who We Play For", who have been motivated to change the 90% outcome of death from Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA). You see, Shawn didn't come to his mission of teaching others how to save as many lives as possible with the performance of CPR and the use of an AED, in a casual way. He was thrown into it--lock, stock and barrel, because of a tribulation that more people than you may think, endure. With this group of volunteers, Shawn travels the country, telling his story of how God is using him to make a difference in the outcome of SCA. This is Cousin Shawn's story...

It was a beautiful day in February when Shawn's 16-year-old daughter, Lexi, went to the gym to work out. She was running for some time, when she was thrown from the treadmill. She lay on the concrete floor, literally dead. Two men working out next to her immediately started CPR and went to get the gym's AED. Because of their knowledge, they eventually got

Lexi's heart beating again.

When Lexi's parents saw her under heavy sedation in the hospital bed, they both were in total shock and panic. They only knew one thing to do—pray. They prayed for God to heal their daughter. Lexi was one of the lucky ones, one of the 10% who survive SCA. Between the training of the men at the gym and their parents pleading prayers, Lexi was able to recover and have a relatively normal life.

Can anything good come out of such a bad thing? Often God allows amazing things to come out of a tragic situation. Think of Job. Think of Jairus, whose daughter was at the point of death, when Jairus fell at Jesus feet and implored of Jesus, *My Little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her so that she may be made well and live. And he (Jesus) went with him.* Mark 5:23-24. Jairus and his daughter had faith in Jesus, just as Lexi and her parents. *And he (Jesus) said to her, Little girl, I say to you, arise.* Mark 5:43.

Just as Jairus had faith in Jesus' mercy, so did Shawn and his wife Stacey. Just as Jairus fell at Jesus' feet, so did Lexi's parents. All of them trusted God's nature of being a loving and caring heavenly Father, who is watching over them and guiding their paths. We certainly see God's mercy when tragedy strikes! His mercy is seen in his son, Jesus Christ, who reminds us that we are reconciled to our Father in heaven. *For I am sure that neither death nor life nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.* Romans 8:38-39.

Until next time.



He Has Done Marvelous Things

As we celebrate the 80th birthday of Lutheran Women in Mission, we reflect on the marvelous things that God has accomplished through Mites and the enthusiasm of women to share their faith and the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

What's your 80? How can your group celebrate LWML in your congregation.

As a thank you to the congregation for their support, the Women in Mission at St Paul's Lutheran Church in Durango, CO passed out mini candy bars tied with purple ribbon and labelled with stickers saying Happy 80th Birthday Lutheran Women in Mission.

Please share your ideas as LWML turns 80! Contact sueg851@gmail.com

Meanwhile in the Four Corners



In September, the Ruth Guild at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cortez, CO entertained 80 members of the Classic Car Club of America as they toured the Southwest in their beautiful classic cars. The women served them a luncheon of pulled pork sandwiches, salads, and desserts.

Earlier in 2021, the ladies at Trinity hosted a Spring Brunch. The officers treated 24 ladies to breakfast casseroles and other

goodies after a short business meeting was held.



At years end, the group held a Christmas Tea for 27 ladies. The Christmas Story, portrayed by several members was told through the eyes of the animals present in the stable on that Holy Night.

Please share what your group is doing to connect with each other and celebrate LWML.

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