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A NEW BIENNIUM

In this issue of *Tidings*, the content is dedicated to the district convention with articles, photos, and thanks to all who made the 2022-2024 biennium possible. This includes our officers, volunteers, convention planners, retreat planners, pastoral counselors, committees, and our Rocky Mountain District Women in Mission.

The convention also heralds the new biennium with new officers, volunteers, mission grants, zone rallies, and of course transitions to all of the new programs. Sometimes the transitions go smoothly and at other times things go awry. One case in point is the article by our pastoral counselor. This will again appear in the September/October issue. For now, please go on your computers or phones and check out the 2024 Prayer Service or one of the many Bible studies, programs, and readings that can inspire your group.

We are blessed to have new officers and give thanks to God for blessing the LWML Rocky Mountain District with willing servants. Please add the new officers, and the new mission goal to your prayers as you remember to feed your mite boxes.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
Lamentations 3:22-23

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Shelley Stewart
PRESIDENT

IN HIS HANDS

The weekend of June 7-9 we met in Greeley, CO at the Doubletree by Hilton to celebrate being "In His Hands." The weekend was busy and full of fun. We jumped right into business and adopted a new mission goal of \$118,000. This includes \$80,000 for mission grants, which we voted on later in the convention. We also elected some new officers. Sue Herrmann is our new Secretary, Margaret Blazek is the new VP of Christian Life, Christie Peebles is our new VP of Communications, and Ann Hernandez is our new Treasurer. Pastor Kevin Cramm of Alamogordo is our new Junior Pastoral Counselor. Our new Nominating Committee is Beth Nagy, chair, Cindie Corvin, Judy Piepkorn, and Stacey Robinson. The Friday night worship service was opened with Pastor David Magruder on bagpipes, and the proclaimer was LCMS District President James Maxwell. We had entertainment from the Apache Creek Fiddlers at our banquet on Saturday night. Throughout the weekend we had updates from past MITES recipients, and highlights on the new missions we have chosen to support. The K9 Comfort Dogs were also in attendance, giving lots of hugs and kisses. Invitations were extended for the National Convention in Omaha next summer on June 26-29, 2025 and to our next district convention in Colorado Springs at the Antlers Hotel June 5-7, 2026. Planner Becky Meyer led a few

trivia challenges, and gave us information about online giving through Vanco. Throughout the weekend, we were blessed by music from our Song Leader Beth Shroff, and Bible Studies from our District Pastoral Counselors Pastors Pete Scheele and Duane Meissner. We had 6 YWRs and 4 Teens. It was wonderful! If you couldn't make it to Convention, make plans to come next time!



Please mark your calendars! Please also plan on attending your zone Fall Rallies this year to stay up to date on all the happenings! A schedule of Fall Rallies is included in this issue of the *Tidings*. I hope to see you soon!



LWML RESOURCES

Did you know that there are many resources available for individuals or groups on the LWML website? I recently searched the website for Bible study ideas and found there are all sorts of programs, cards, coloring pages, and even the LWML Prayer Service for 2024.

The prayer service, written by Rev. Michael Mattil, is designed to be used at any time by large or small groups. The Women in Mission at my church adapted one for their Fall Rally. The 2024 service is based on I Timothy 1:2, *Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord*. Its particular focus is on the first three words, also gifts from our gracious Father and Savior. Available for download are the prayer service, a leader's guide, a fullpage cover, and even a power point of the full service.



SUE GIDDINGS
TIDINGS EDITOR



You can access this and many other resources at lwml.org.



MISSION GRANTS MITE PROGRESS

	GRANTED	PAID
Andi Noblitt	Mt. Zion Lutheran, Boulder, CO	\$5,000
GOSPEL OUTREACH VP	Concordia Lutheran Radio Ministry, Sud-Est, Haiti	\$5,000
	Concordia Seminary Food Bank/Re-Sell It Shop	\$5,000
	Concordia University Acts 1:8 Fund	\$6,500
	CTSFW Food and Clothing Co-op	\$5,000
	Kitchen Renovation at God Cares About You	\$8,000
REMEMBER TO SEND MITES TO:	Mission Evangelical Luterana Confesionalen Honduras	\$6,500
ANN	LHF Bible Books for Ghana's children	\$5,000
HERNANDEZ	Lutheran High School Missions (LuHi)	\$8,000
LWML RMD	MOST Ministries Feet on the Ground	\$6,000
TREASURER	Orphan Grain Train Shipping Container	\$5,000
PO BOX 1657	Redeemer Lutheran School Scholarship	\$5,000
ALAMOGORDO,	Set Apart to Serve LCMS Office of Pastoral Education	\$5,000
NM 88310	Math Curriculum/ Manipulatives Trinity Lutheran	\$5,000
	Total	\$80,000

MISSION GRANT UPDATE

Acts 11:21 ***And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord.***

The convention was a great success! Many people stopped by the Mission Grants booth to see all the wonderful organizations we will support over the next biennium, pick up kits for prayer bracelets, and enter the drawing for a beautiful cross. Thanks to all who participated! We were able to share information during the business meetings about the support opportunities for the next biennium with 14 charities being confirmed by the vote. Over the next two years our goal is to give out \$80,000 to support

missions all over the world from local schools to pastoral aid to international groups spreading the good news of the Gospel. We also heard from several Mission in Action speakers about how the funds were used over the last two years. We heard stories of bringing students to God in Boulder, bringing Muslims to God through POBLO, and spreading Christianity through the Hispanic Ministry. We also saw a moving video about Trinity Hope and how they are helping in Haiti. God has truly blessed the LWML RMD and in turn we hope to spread the good news that we are in His hands!

TEENS AND YOUNG WOMEN EXPERIENCE CONVENTION IN GREELEY

I had the privilege of seeing many of you at convention in June! For anyone who was unable to attend, it was a wonderful time. We had six lovely Young Woman Representatives. They were able to get to know each other as well as getting to know their Zone Presidents and President Shelley at the YWR breakfast and pinning ceremony as well as a little bit of history of the YWR pin. We also had four amazing teens this year. They also enjoyed getting to know each other and helping with the Gifts from the Heart. I hope everyone attending convention was able to stop by our

booth to get to know the YWRs and Teens a little bit, as well as getting some leadership tips and information on some national group and leader resources. I'd like to thank Melissa Anderson and Rebekah Farrier for all of their hard work on the YWR committee and Sylvia Bean and Amanda Thomas on the Teen committee! You guys did a marvelous job at making the convention a great one for the YWRs and Teens.



Christina Bean
SERVANT
RESOURCES VP

A TIME FOR JOY

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Romans 12:12

This June, I had the opportunity to go to our own Rocky Mountain District Convention. This convention was such a joy-filled time where we got to hear about the work in the mission field that we have been able to help support through our Mite offerings. Getting to meet new friends while renewing old friendships brings much joy at a time of gathering like this. The most joyful part of the convention for me is the opportunity to participate in Bible study led by our pastoral counselors.

How does the world even know that we are Christians? We are told by St Paul in Galatians 5:22-23: **But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.**

I pray that I am able to shine God's light to others through the joy with which he has blessed me.

I have recently gotten some really scary news about my sister's husband and his health. He has developed a very rare chronic illness, and now this weekend he has suffered a severe heart attack. My husband and I are in prayer, yet we are also held up by the joy that the Holy Spirit has blessed us with. We have joy in knowing that, after many years, my brother in law has been born again in his Christian faith. We have much joy knowing that both my sister and her husband have placed themselves in God's hands. As my sister told me earlier, "The Lord and I walk in close lockstep together. Sometimes, He's carrying me." The joy that we can have in the Lord in these challenging times of life is an amazing gift. I thank and praise our Lord God for sharing His blessed gift of Joy in both the good times and the challenging times!



Margaret Blazek
CHRISTIAN LIFE
VP



Linda Harsh

**MISSION
SERVANTS
COMMITTEE**

GENEROUS GIFTS FROM YOUR HEARTS

Ladies, thank you for generously supporting our Gifts from the Heart Ingathering at the Greeley convention! This time, we started sorting, counting and packing on Thursday to keep ahead of the rush of donations that came streaming in on Friday and Saturday. We hope many moms, teachers, and others in difficult circumstances will receive these gifts and give glory to our Father in Heaven, who keeps all of us *In His Hands*.

Praise the Lord; all of our Gifts from the Heart have been delivered. Orphan Grain Train Assistant Branch Manager, Brad Brackhan drove to Greeley from Holyoke to pick up 181 Teacher Kits, 965 pairs of new socks, 854 pairs of new undies, 24 undershirts and bras, plus a box of miscellaneous school supplies. He had a full load in his pickup truck. More Teacher Kits will be assembled from the misc. school supplies with \$250 in donations from the Northeastern LWMLs. Good thinking, ladies!

Sandy Northrup and Peggy Kindschy



LIFE CHOICES, LOVELAND, CO

from Immanuel, Loveland delivered approximately half of our 43 Baby Bags, 77 Layettes (w/o backpacks), and abundance of assorted baby items to Life Choices in Loveland. I delivered the other half to Life Choices in Longmont. Both centers were thrilled to receive our Gifts from the Heart as you can see from the photo taken at Life Choices in Loveland.

Gift Cards from Walmart, Target, Kohl's, King Soopers and Visa, totaling \$1055 were also divided between the two centers.

My thanks go out to Linda Ballenthin, the other half of the Mission Servants Committee; I always value her input, support and enthusiasm. We really appreciated the extra help from Gretchen Lillich, Bryanna Thur, and the Teen Committee. Thank you so much for your support of these two ministries. It was so much fun seeing the variety, creativity, and multitude of gifts flow into our Mission Servants room. We know God has a purpose for each of your precious Gifts from the Heart.



YWR'S HELPED WITH THE GIFTS

LWML ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT CONVENTION JUNE 7-9, 2024





**COMFORT
DOGS,
DISPLAYS,
MISSION
SPEAKERS,
WORSHIP,
INTEREST
SESSIONS,
BANQUET,
FIDDLERS,
FRIENDS,
YWRS,
TEENS,
BANNERS,
AND
BAGPIPERS.
ALL THE
ELEMENTS
OF A
GREAT
LWML RMD
CONVENTION!**





Sue Giddings

DISTRICT CONVENTION NEWS

A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

The LWML Rocky Mountain District Convention, which took place this year in Greeley, Colorado was well attended by women from zones in Colorado and New Mexico.

The convention opened with the procession of banners representing the different zones in our district. There was also a color guard which presented the state and U.S. Flags.

Business conducted included electing some officers and approving the list of Mission Grant recipients and our district budget. Our new V.P. of Communications is Christie Peebles, our new V.P. of Christian Life is Margaret Blazek, our new Treasurer is Ann Hernandez, our new Jr. Pastoral Counselor is Pastor Kevin Cramm, our new Recording Secretary is Sue Herrmann, and our Nominating Committee Chair is Beth Nagy. We welcome them and appreciate their willingness to serve.

The Mission Goal is \$80,000 and the mission grants are listed on page 4.

The LWML RMD women are very generous as you can see from all the items brought for the in gatherings. Offerings over the convention went to two places. The first offering was to go to the District Mission Goal and the total given was \$3,076.33. The second offering was to be distributed between the Lutheran schools in northern Colorado. A total of \$2,845.30 was given.

A big thank you to all who took and



New officers (above)

Bags for Life Choices, Longmont, CO
(below)



contributed their photos, including Lisa Cort, Linda Ballenthin, Nancy Kraft, and Erin Bergstrom.

Thanks also to Pastors Meisner and Scheele for leading the Bible studies throughout the convention.



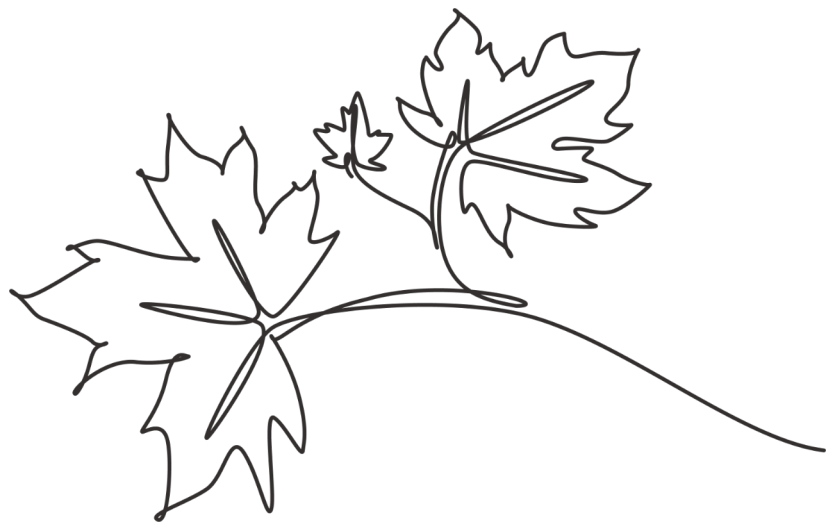
FALL RALLY SCHEDULE

DATE	ZONE	LOCATION
August 24, 2024	Pecos Zone	Immanuel, Carlsbad, NM
September 7, 2024	Rio Grande	Trinity, Alamogordo, NM
September 14, 2024	Northern New Mexico	Las Lunas, NM
	Western	Messiah, Grand Junction, CO
September 21, 2024	Four Corners	Trinity, Gallup, NM
	Northeast	Sterling, CO
September 28, 2024	Northern	Immanuel, Loveland, CO
October 5, 2024	Southern	St. John's, Canon City, CO
October 12, 2024	South Central	
October 19, 2024	North Central	Wheat Ridge L.C., Wheatridge, CO



FALL RALLY
SCHEDULE

Be sure to save the date to attend your Zone's Fall Rally!



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*And the peace of God,
which surpasses all
understanding,
will guard your hearts
and your minds
in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:7

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