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President's Message - Danyne Six

My Gift For Natalie

... the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:32b

Many of us are challenged with finding the “perfect” Christmas gift for our grandchildren and loved ones. Ever thought about gifting a legacy of your faith?

Just an idea: Soon I’ll have finished reading my granddaughter’s Bible. Daily I’ve underlined, highlighted, made notes and written monthly letters to Natalie, all in the Bible that will be gifted to her. Next year, January 2018, I’ll start on Ella’s and then all five of our grands will have been gifted my legacy of faith via their personalized Bible.

The Lord’s richest gift to us, as sinners, is eternal life. Share this gift with your grandchildren or loved ones through their personalized Bible. They’ll not only grow in their faith walk, but so will you!

May the Lord richly bless you and your LWML society during this Advent season as we make plans to celebrate the birth of our free gift, Jesus!



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VP OF GOSPEL OUTREACH – Ellen Burbank

Please prayerfully consider adding extra mites to your box during this upcoming time of Thanksgiving and Advent. Our largest grant for the 2016 - 2018 biennium is still awaiting funding.

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran School, Alliance, NE

\$14,500

Mission grant funds will be used to construction an outdoor basketball/volleyball court. This will offer students more opportunities to participate in team activities as part of their physical education.



Prayer

Dear Lord, We ask that You bless the students, teachers, staff and families of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran School. Be with them as they continue to build their school. Help guide and direct them as they grown in your love and faith. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

It's never too early to be thinking of grants that the Wyoming District can support during the 2018-2020 biennium! Grant applications are now available on the website: www.wyolwml.org
Applications are due January 5, 2018.

Yellowstone Zone Report—Linda Fischer

Theme: “Ring of Fire - Life’s End on Earth”

The 2017 Spring Workshop was held Saturday April 29, 2017 in Thermopolis, WY.

Pastor Needham opened with a devotion before Pastor Wisroth led us in a Bible Study entitled “Life’s End on Earth”. It focused on proposing some guidelines to asking the right questions at the right time when end-of life decisions have to be made. The study said, “The end of the story is that because Christ has risen from the dead, so shall you! The end of the story is your resurrection! With this truth brightly shining, we are set free to face the questions of mercy and care at life’s end with the full confidence that in Christ we have everlasting life.”



Gwen Walker led us in receiving new prayer partners. Brenda Ellis announced that the ingathering for the 2017 Fall Rally will be the Worland Ministerial Food Bank, and she passed out a list of items needed.

Danyne Six, Wyoming District President, spoke to us of the many blessings she has received as District President, stressing that Jesus Christ IS Above All! Linda Fischer gave a report from Nancy Craft, the Favor Director for the national convention. The goal for dish cloths and scrubbies was 800 of each. Over 3,000 dish cloths and 1300 scrubbies were received. Praise God! The extras will be placed in a large sink, and will be sold for mites at the convention. The next two national conventions will be held in, Alabama, and Kentucky respectively.

Marcy Ohman, Zone Treasurer, led us in the Mite Sketch for the Lutheran Mercy Youth Corp, which prepares young Lutheran adults for service in the Lutheran Church to provide a Christian alternative to the Peace Corp. She reported that over \$2,075,000 has been collected for national mission projects, which fully funds them all. Thanks be to God! Pastor Needham led us in a closing devotion.

The 2017 Fall Rally entitled “Jesus Christ Above All” was held on Saturday, September 16th at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church in Worland, Wyoming.

Pastor Wisroth led us in an opening Devotion based upon Isaiah 43, Ephesians 2, and Matthew 16. We were reminded that we have confidence and joy that Jesus is the Son of the Living God, our Savior, through the power of the Holy Spirit working through the Word.

Pastor Korb led a Bible Study on the book of Jonah, pointing out the gospel message in Jonah. He also taught us that the unfinished story of Jonah is completed in Jesus, as told in Matthew 12:38-42, and Luke 11:29-32.

We collected money and food items for the Worland Food Pantry for our ingathering, and Ward Byrd gave an informative and interesting presentation on the Worland Food Pantry.

Danyne Six, the Wyoming District LWML President, explained the new LWML logo, and spoke of the remarkable blessings she has received the past 4 years while serving Christ in this position.

Doris Hurlburt was the Yellowstone Zone delegate to the 2017 National LWML Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She told us how blessed and amazed she was to attend, and told us that

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3,472 people were registered with 563 voting delegates, and 81 Young Women Representatives. The mite goal for the previous biennium was \$2 million, which was met. The goal for this biennium is \$2,075,000. The next National Convention will be held in Mobile, Alabama in 2019. Linda Fischer also thanked all those who were workers at the convention, and several gave stories of their service.



Linda Fischer presented the slate of nominees for the election of officers. Brenda Ellis; President, Danyne Six; VP, Shurie Scheel; Secretary, Gwen Walker; Treasurer, Pastor Shawn Kumm, Counselor.

Marcie Ohman, outgoing treasurer, led us in the July 2017 Devotion for the LCMS Chaplain Ministry to the Armed Forces.

Pastor Wisroth led us in a closing devotion and installation of new officers. We closed by singing "Go My Children With My Blessing".

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMITTEE – Kathy Larsen & Kathy Banker

The Mustard Seed devotion for November 1st was from Living in Faith: committing Our Spirit. As Rev. Darold Reiner states in the devotion "Faith is Committing our Spirit to our Heavenly Father". As I read the devotion I was moved to do as advised make my morning prayer "I commit my day to you My Heavenly Father" trusting everything in it to his care. And at night before turning in "I commit my night to you my Heavenly Father" trusting him to keep my soul and body from harm.

As we begin the Advent season leading to Christmas I am reminded that Jesus Christ came to do it all for me. If you are looking for a Christian Life devotion for your next meeting please consider "I Can Do It Myself!" As we celebrate the reformation this year, thank God for Martin Luther and the invention of the printing press. In God's time the Gospel was returned to the people. We cannot do it ourselves, only by Faith, only by Scripture, and only by Christ are we saved from eternal separation from our Heavenly Father.\

Hope everyone gets to spend Thanksgiving and Christmas with your family.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to our sisters and brothers in Christ!



SENIOR PASTORAL COUNSELOR - Pastor Jais H. Tinglund



**In a Reformation Year -
It's Still All About Jesus**

In a stroke of genius, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod has made probably the best choice imaginable with the theme for our celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation: "Reformation 2017 - It's *Still* All About Jesus."

It could hardly be stated more clearly, or in fewer words, what the Reformation was all about, and what it means to us, why the Reformation is not just to be remembered as an event in history, and why we still need to live it, what the Reformation was all about.

It's all about Jesus. This was the heart of the Reformation. And it is the heart of the Christian faith, and the Christian life. This was the precious truth from God that had been forgotten, and which He made to come to light anew in that event which we call the Reformation.

And we sinners forget it easily. We even forget it when we think we remember it.

We know very well that it is all about Jesus. Our life should be all about our service to Him. But there are so many other things in life that demand our attention: home and family and work. Of course we might be aware that home and family and work are all realms in which we are called to serve Him, as well as in Church and church-related activities. But so easily we forget, and we serve ourselves instead, and forget that we are to serve Him in a life of loving suffering and sacrifice. And we take the easy way out of situations, giving in to what others want from us and demand from us, rather than what we know to be good and right in the sight of God.

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Even in Church and church-related activities it is easily forgotten that it is all about Jesus; that all that we do should be done for Him. So easily we become so preoccupied with arranging for our programs and activities to run smoothly and work out perfectly, so that we make a good impression and give a good testimony. The Word of God becomes something we give room for because we have to, because it is expected of Christians that we do, and it becomes something we want to get over with, so that we can get to that which it is really all about, planning and refreshments and decorations and entertainment.

It is good to be reminded that it is all about Jesus; that He is the One we should serve in all things; that all that we do should point to Him, and that His will should be borne out in all that we do. It is good to be reminded that we owe all things to Him. It is good to be reminded of the Law.

It is even better, though, to hear the *Gospel*, and take it to heart. For it is even more all about Jesus than we usually think. For what it means that it is all about Him, is that it is *not* all about what we do for Him. It is not all about us. It really is all about *Him*, who He is, and what He has done for us, how good He is, and why it is that we owe all things to Him.

This is what the Reformation was: the precious truth coming to light anew that it is all about Jesus. It is, in fact, not all about what we do for Him, or what we could and should do for Him. For it is not all about us at all. It is all about Him, who He is, how good He is, and what He has done for us.

He has suffered and died for our sins and shortcomings; He has borne for us the fullness of suffering, the judgement of His own goodness against all the good that we fail to do for Him, and for all the we evil we do, all that goes against His love and His will for us, and even for all that is incomplete and impure about all the good that we do for Him. He has won for us full forgiveness for it all. And He gives us His own righteousness to us to count as our own before His judgement, His own goodness and innocence, so that we are right with Him, and no judgement awaits us, rather, what we have coming to us is that fullness of goodness and glory which is His eternal heavenly life. And this He gives to us, freely and for nothing, out of His goodness and mercy alone, and for no other reason. It is all about Him.

So easily we forget this. For it is not in our nature to remember. It is, in fact, in our nature to *want* to forget it, and have it all be all about ourselves and our own goodness. And therefore we need to have the Reformation happen, constantly, in us. We need to have His Word of salvation turn us away from ourselves and our own goodness and make us to look to His goodness, instead, what He has done for us, and what He gives to us. For it is all about Jesus. It still is.

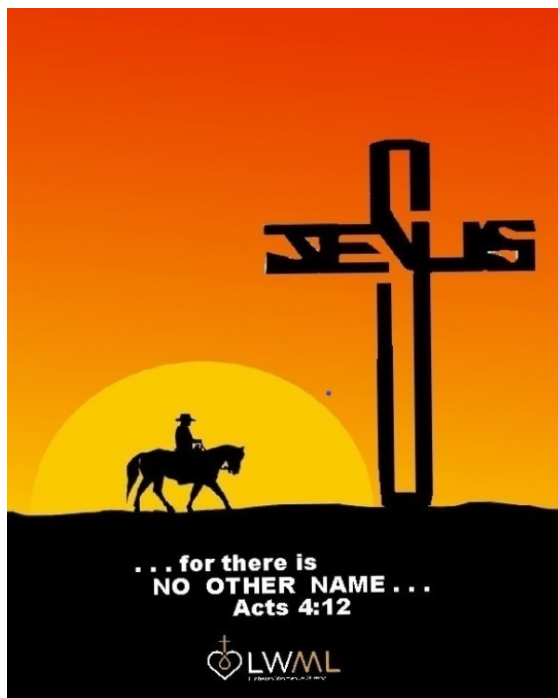


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HIGH PLAINS ZONE – Jeannie Hockersmith, President

After postponing our Spring Joyshop due to Wyoming weather, we were finally able to meet on May 13, 2017 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Cheyenne. Our theme centered around 1st Corinthians: 13 & 14, “Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.” Devotions were led by Pastor Scheer, who also incorporated this theme in his Bible Study. For our servant event, all the women brought pre-cut fleece to make blankets for the National Convention in Albuquerque. Craft supplies were donated by each Society for our ingathering. These were given to the Pace Program, an adult day program in Cheyenne. Members voted to give the daily offering to the Life Choice Pregnancy Care Center, also located in Cheyenne. An amendment for the Zone By-laws was adopted. It allows officers to extend their terms of office in the event that no candidates are nominated. Diane Schurman graciously volunteered to be the delegate for the LWML National Convention in Albuquerque.

Thirty-two people attended the Fall LWML Rally on September 24, 2017 at Zion Lutheran Church in Laramie, Wyoming. Devotions and Bible Study were led by our Pastoral Counselor, Pastor Dan Praeuner. He based his study on the theme and verse, “Jesus Christ, Above All”, Phil. 2:9. It was decided to designate the offering for the Hurricane Relief Fund through LCMS. Diane Schurman gave highlights of her experiences at the LWML National Convention in Albuquerque in June of this year. Our special guest, District President Danyne Six, outlined some of the tasks to be accomplished for the upcoming District Convention in June, 2018. She also announced that this will be her last year as District President. Cindy Backes presented several examples of logos that could be used for the District Convention. The members voted and were able to choose one logo that will be used for the bags, banner and manuals. Officers elected and installed at the rally were: Susan Tobin as President Elect, Jona Jackson-Paintin as Secretary and Tina Kats as Member-At-Large.



Plans are well underway for hosting the 2018 Wyoming District Convention, to be held at the LCCC Campus in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Be sure to mark June 21, 22, and 23, 2018 on your calendars so you can plan to attend!

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Terri Denniston, Chariman

The LWML Wyoming District Convention will be held June 21st – 23rd, 2018, in Cheyenne, WY. The LWML Wyoming District Nominating Committee is in the process of selecting candidates for the following district offices: President, Vice President of Servant Resources, Vice President of Human Care, and Treasurer. These officers are elected to serve a term of four (4) years, and will be installed prior to the adjournment of the convention. The duties of these offices are in the Bylaws on the website: www.wyolwml.org .

Join us in prayer as we seek those that the Lord has chosen to fill these positions. **Please personally contact and encourage** someone in your society or zone to consider becoming a candidate. It is a wonderful opportunity to serve with our sisters in Christ. *I can do all things through him (Christ) who strengthens me.* Philippians 4:13

A blank nomination form is enclosed. Please fill out and return to me, or any member of the nominating committee, before February 1, 2018, in time to report to the District Board meeting in February. Photo copy if you need additional blank forms.

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Include a picture of yourself.

OFFICE _____

NAME _____

MEMBER OF _____ SOCIETY

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

LWML and Church affiliated activities:

Community activities:

Write a brief resume about you and your family:

I hereby give my consent to run for _____
(Office)

LWML Wyoming District at the 2016 District Convention and have read the list of duties for this office.

Signature of Nominee

Return by email or postal service by February 1st, together with a small picture of yourself to:

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