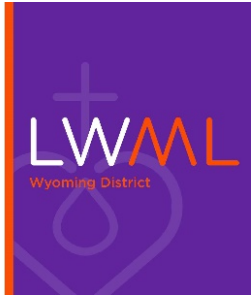


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President's Message -

I am still reeling with enthusiasm regarding the happenings at the 2017 Convention in Albuquerque this past June. To be truthful I was at times less than enthusiastic about traveling to ABQ. But as our convention theme vouched, "Jesus Christ WAS Above All."

The Lord gifted us with so many talented women and men who gave of themselves unselfishly – from chairing a committee – to crocheting a dishcloth -- so that this convention could become a reality. When we, along with the other three districts were recognized for our hosting on Sunday morning, it was nothing but exhilarating! Go on the LWML website and the photos convey the excitement and joy that was evident throughout the four days.

Now we will begin in earnest funding the adopted LWML mission goal for the next biennium - \$2,075,000!!!

No time to rest as work has begun in earnest on the 2018 LWML WY District Convention in Cheyenne. More to come on that later – but mark the dates – June 21-23, 2018.

Now, please pray with me:

"Thank you, Lord Jesus, for giving us many opportunities to serve You. Sometimes we get bogged down with not only our trials, but also our earthly pride and passions – and we place these ahead of serving You. We ask for forgiveness – and also direction – that we might place You Above All. In Your Name we pray, Amen."

The words from Hymn 862 LSB say it much clearer than I can:

Oh, blest the house, what e'er be fall,
Where Jesus Christ is all in all!
A home that is not wholly His,
How sad and poor and dark it is!

May our loving Lord richly bless each one of us as we place Him Above All!

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Powder River - Charlotte Hamilton, President

We welcomed Sheridan back to Powder River Zone by asking them to host our Lord of the Harvest Fall Rally 2016 at Immanuel Lutheran Church. The in-gathering was for Martin Luther Grammar School. We were blessed to have Rev. Tinglund lead us in bible study and prayer. He, his wife and granddaughter came over the mountains in a blizzard, and we were all thankful for their safe arrival in Sheridan. Debbie Lee, our Zone Secretary, was our delegate to the Zone Convention in Chadron, NE. She gave her report at the fall rally, and got everyone excited about the next Zone Convention being held in Cheyenne in 2018. We elected two officer positions: President and Vice-President. Charlotte Hamilton will represent us at the National Convention in Albuquerque in June.

Spring Rally was held in Buffalo at Prince of Peace on May 6th, 2017. The theme was Jesus Christ Above All. Ingathering items went to support The Johnson County Family Crisis Center. We had a wonderful presentation on Stewardship by Rev. Scheer, from Cheyenne. We reviewed our by-laws and have a committee to work on changing them before our next fall rally, which will be held in Casper at Mt. Hope September 16, 2017.

I attended my first LWML convention in Albuquerque during a record heat wave. My first observation was there was all the water you could drink for free; however, you paid for coffee. Quite a shock for my Lutheran constitution. Being part of the host committee, I worked at the registration desk the first morning and met some amazing ladies. Being a delegate, I learned valuable insights pertaining to the running of such a large organization and how to properly vote using remote pads. The anticipation started building when Pres. Harrison and the host Pastors marched in to do the first service and celebrate communion. The adrenaline was high in anticipation of the new LWML logo, and heights of frenzy were attained during the 75th Diamond Dazzle Celebration. It was an amazing experience, and I thank all the ladies of the Powder River Zone for sending me to the convention and being able to work and worship with sisters in Christ.



Fall Rally Dates:

Chimney Rock – Faith, Gering, NE -- TBA

Yellowstone Zone – Worland – 9/16

Powder River Zone – Mt. Hope, Casper – 9/16

Headwaters – Pinedale – 9/23

High Plains – Laramie – 9/24

Pine Ridge Zone – Crawford, NE – 10/1

VP of Gospel Outreach – Ellen Burbank

I was blessed to attend the LWML Convention in Albuquerque in June and represented the Wyoming District at the Gospel Outreach Special Meeting. During our meeting we had the opportunity to learn about Synod missions on both the national and international fronts as well as vetting potential mission grants to ensure that they align with LCMS and LWML guideline. I also had the opportunity to network with other VP of Gospel Outreach and got great tips for improving our mission grant application process!

As you can see below, \$22,000.00 of our Mission Grant Goal has been distributed. Please encourage your society and zone treasurers to submit mites on a regular basis to keep your mites in action. It is also time to begin preparing to write your mission grants for the 2018-2020 biennium. Grant information and paperwork will be available in late August/early September. Please share the information with your congregations and prayerfully consider writing a mission grant proposal!

Grant	Amount	Paid
Wyoming LCMS Elementary Schools	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
POBLO Missionary to Muslims Training Center, Michigan	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Pastoral Education, West Africa - travel expenses	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
Wyoming District LCMS Pastor's Wives Retreat	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
Concordia Food Bank, St. Louis, MO	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Tell the Good News Convocation	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran School, Alliance, NE	\$14,500.00	
Pastoral Education, West Africa - instruction resources	\$ 500.00	
TOTAL	\$40,000.00	\$ 22,000.00



Christian Life Committee – Kathy Larsen & Kathy Banker

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- #40224 God's Grace and Goodness
- #40226 Trust and Talents
- #40225 Praise and Patience

New Mustard Seed Devotion packets

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- #40196 The Race of Faith
- #40197 In Times of Need
- #40198 The work: wisdom for Living



If you do not receive the Daily Mustard Seed Devotion, I highly recommend that you sign up to receive it. You can have it delivered to your cell phone. They are a great comfort and always seem to address an issue I am currently dealing with.

Junior Pastoral Counselor – Pastor Temme



A Diamond Delight – that is how the 2017 LWML Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico could be described. Nearly 3,500 LWML delegates and guests gathered for the opening worship service to celebrate 75 years of LWML history. What better way to do that than for Lutheran Women in Mission, out of thanksgiving to God, to adopt a mission grant pledge increase of \$75,000.00 for a total 2017-2019 proposed Mission Grant total of 2,075,000.00 covering 21 mission projects during the upcoming biennium. Over the course of 75 years the LWML Mission Grants have now reached into 71 different countries – certainly something to be celebrated.

The enthusiasm and dedication of the LWML ladies was clearly seen in some 850+ new first timer attendees and a most ever 81 Young Women Representatives. The future of LWML looks great – God is good – We are truly blessed. One step in preparing to meet the future with renewed activity was the adoption of a new LWML Logo which you will be seeing, and which will be explained many times over in various upcoming publications.

The enthusiasm and gratitude to God were also seen clearly in the Saturday evening Diamond Dazzle Glitz – kinda crazy – blinky – fun! Our Wyoming banner and Diamond Dazzle representative team even made the Convention Video! (even though just briefly).

Thank you, one and all, for the privilege of representing you in Albuquerque! Now we turn our attention to our own District Convention in 2018. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Headwaters Zone – Katherine Larsen, President

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

The Zone Board of Director's teleconference was held on February 25, 2017. We discussed our Christian Life Workshop to be held in Green River in April, National convention to be held in Albuquerque, NM and Fall Rally to be held in Pinedale in September.

Christian Life Workshop was held April 22nd at Emmanuel Lutheran in Green River. Registration was at 9 with the opening by Pastor Mullholland at 9:30. The Bible Study presented by Kathy Barr followed the theme of the upcoming National Convention Jesus Christ – Above All. After lunch we held a short version of the pledge walk to support Jennifer Scheel at nationals. The Green River society served an awesome lunch followed by a short business meeting. Closing was presented by Pastor Mullholland.

Headwaters Zone Fall Rally will be held at Our Savior Lutheran in Pinedale on September 22 – 23. The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.



Pictures of Albuquerque

