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President's Message - Danyne Six

What's in a Name?

I have always been fascinated with names . . .it should come as no surprise . . . my name, Danyne, is rather unusual, hard to pronounce (definitely not a conventional name!) and difficult to spell. I like to connect with others asking, "What is the history of your name?"

Surprisingly, or not, the theme of our 24th Biennial LWML WY District Convention is: ". . . No Other Name . . ." based on Acts 4:12: "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

And what will YOU be doing with your name? Will you be calling your friends and asking them to join you in gathering items for the Wyoming Indian Mission Ingathering? Will you:

- * be placing your name on registration and "Faith Walk" forms?
- * be marking your calendar, "June 21-23 – I AM going to Cheyenne, Wyoming?"

Our agenda is full:

- * we'll be joining in Bible study;
- * we'll be all about missions as we hear from speakers:
 - o Rev. Bob and Kristi Roegner from Apple of His Eye Ministry,
 - o Rev. Gregory and Rachel Sonnenschein from Wind River Indian Mission,
 - o Shurie Scheel as she encourages everyone to say, "YES!"

We'll also be singing Jesus' Name Above All Names!

The campus at LCCC will welcome us with air conditioned, comfortable suites and delicious food (what's not to like?)!

Our Savior Lutheran Church will also welcome us with a worship service, reception and cream can dinner!

Prayerfully share your resources, your time and your enthusiasm as we anticipate gathering as Lutheran Women in Mission. We're ambitious, we're selfless and we love serving. We'll be worshipping Jesus, ". . . No Other Name . . ." and for that, we are truly grateful!

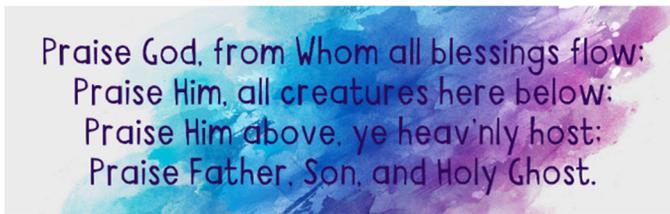
Serving with you with all my heart.

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**VP OF GOSPEL OUTREACH –
Ellen Burbank**

As of March 31, 2018 all of the 2016-2018 Mission Grants have been funded! The grant for \$14,500 for Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran

School in Alliance, NE will be presented Thursday, April 26th at 10:00 a.m. If anyone would like to join me for this presentation, it would be great to have a sea of purple there! We will be taking pictures for our district newsletter and to submit to the Lutheran Women's Quarterly. Please let me know if you plan to attend: esburbank@gmail.com



Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow:
Praise Him, all creatures here below:
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Gospel Outreach Committee has had a busy winter. We received 19 mission grant requests for review. After lots of reading, contemplating and praying the board approved a ballot of 13 grants for a total of \$46,750. The mission grant ballot and grant descriptions are included in the registration packet with this newsletter and on the website www.wyolwml.org Please discuss these mission grants in your societies and with your delegates prior to the convention.

One may wonder how the mission grants are selected for the ballot. This year the Gospel Outreach Committee (consisting of Ellen Burbank, VP of Gospel Outreach, Francine Schoen, Financial Secretary, Charlotte Hamilton, Treasurer, and Reverend Temme, Pastoral Counselor) met via teleconference to discuss the grants received and used the following guidelines for our discussion and selection.

1. Any Mission Grant should fit into the overall mission objective of the LWML. Thus the grant objective should be centered in bringing Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior, into the hearts and lives of those to whom it is directed.
2. Is there an apparent and obvious genuine need associated with the project request?
3. Mission Grants originating in or destined for mission within the Wyoming District may well be given first priority.
4. Any Mission Grant presented should be realistic to the outreach capability of the Wyoming District LWML. That is, the Wyoming District LWML should be able to realistically meet the challenge of any grant selected.
5. Is the proposed grant for the entire project proposed or can a portion of the project be chosen by the District LWML for consideration? (The total mission project may consume an overly large portion of the District's total Mission Grant goal, but an individual portion of that grant proposal may be available for support – example: books, lodging, meals, etc. for a larger project.)
6. Are there other avenues or agents of support available for the project?
7. Is support being requested from other sources beyond the Wyoming District LWML?

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8. Does this request exceed the maximum grant or percentage of the biennial goal established by the District LWML?

If you have any questions or feedback regarding these guidelines, please address them with me. I welcome your comments!

I have enjoyed serving as your VP of Gospel Outreach this biennium and am looking forward to what God has planned for His LWML in the next!



Chimney Rock Zone - Jeanette Stahl, President

2017 LWML gatherings: The Chimney Rock Zone held its Christian Life Workshop April 30, 2017 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Potter. The theme for the 75th Anniversary was used. Bits and pieces of the 2017 Prayer Service were used for the program. The group enjoyed two Bible Studies led by pastors in our zone. The ingathering for the workshop, organized by the

Human Care Committee, was a monetary donation to be used to provide medications for patients, when there is no other source of payment available, as they are discharged from Regional West Medical Center in Scottsbluff.

An ice cream social was enjoyed following the fall planning meeting in August. A sketch was given by the Leader Development/HOPE Committee.

The Chimney Rock Zone Fall Rally was held at Faith Lutheran Church in Gering October 1, 2017 under the theme "Train up a Child ..." based on Proverbs 22:6. Guest speakers were three gals who gave a presentation on their experience of teaching elementary students at the Lutheran School in Hong Kong, China. They were sponsored by LCMS World Mission. A Bible study was led by zone counselor, Pastor Bourret. Also giving a report was the zone delegate to the 2017 ABQ Convention. The ingathering for the fall rally, organized by the Human Care Committee, was a monetary ingathering to be distributed to the Lutheran Schools in the zone.

This is where we will be during 2018 ~ Christian Life Workshop to be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sidney the end of April, 2018; LWML WY District Convention June 21-23, 2018 in Cheyenne; Fall Rally to be held in October, 2017 at St. John Lutheran Church in Scottsbluff; and perhaps a Prayer Coffee/Ice Cream Social or retreat sometime in between.

Looking forward to LWML opportunities in 2019 ~ Trinity Lutheran Church, Sidney will be hosting the Christian Life Spring Workshop in April; Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Bayard will be the location for the Fall Rally in October; and the delegate representing the Chimney Rock Zone at the 2019 Mobile, Alabama LWML Convention will be an LWML member from St. John's Lutheran Church, Scottsbluff.

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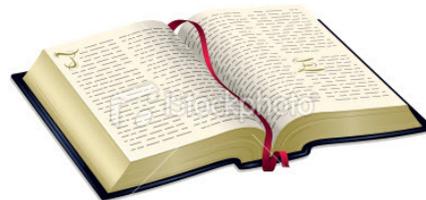
JUNIOR PASTORAL COUNSELOR - Pastor Martin Temme

What better way to carry forward the theme of our 2017 National Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico - **Jesus Christ Above All** (Phil. 2:9) - than to support it with “. . . **No Other Name . . .**” based on Acts 4:12: *“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved,”* at our own Wyoming District Convention in Cheyenne, WY, June 21-23, 2018!

To our secular world the thought is revolting, politically incorrect, and extremely exclusive. Yet Scripture informs us that the word of the cross (Christ crucified and risen) is folly to those who are perishing, but to those who believe it is the power of God for life and salvation. Therefore, we preach Christ crucified as the one and only way to eternal bliss.

The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. As such, LWML joins the church at large in proclaiming Christ to our world. LWML does this by serving the Lord with gladness while engaging in its basic purpose – MISSION. That MISSION takes form through Mission projects supported through MITE offerings and prayer, through Bible Study, nurture and encouragement through its LWML Quarterly publications, and through local LWML circles and societies in LCMS congregations and Districts.

Seventy-five years of LWML history and mission were celebrated in Albuquerque. Our upcoming Wyoming District LWML Convention, June 21-23, 2018, at Laramie County Community College, gives the women of the Wyoming District the opportunity to enter the final stretch toward the 100 year mark by joining in a marvelous opportunity for keeping Jesus Christ above all as the One in whom alone salvation is to be found.



Have you marked your calendars? Have you made provision and plans in your personal and family schedules to reserve these dates so that you can be a part of this event? Have you invited and encouraged another woman to join you and your group? How about inviting “new blood” - a daughter, granddaughter, or other young friend? Remember we do need to continue to share LWML outreach and mission with young and old alike.

As Jesus began to call and gather His disciples it is interesting to note that both Andrew and Philip, upon being invited to follow Him, first went and found someone close to them and brought them along with them to meet and to follow Jesus. That’s also our objective in the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League – to invite others, many of them close to us, some of them perhaps people we do not even know, to come with us into the presence of the living Christ, there to meet Jesus and in Him to find true life and salvation, and then to share Christ with one another. You have these opportunities in the activities of the Convention itself.

During the business portion of Convention LWML delegates will evaluate and choose various Mission Grant Proposals for selection as the actual Mission Mite Grants for the Wyoming District LWML biennium of 2018-2020. Delegates will fill various District leadership positions by election. All

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attendees will have the benefit of spiritual growth through daily Devotions and Bible Studies led by the Pastoral Counselors. And, of course, there is the super benefit of growing together with and supporting fellow sisters in Christ through Christian fellowship, encouragement and support.

Yes, get those calendar days reserved! Make your plans early. Watch for upcoming information. Get the word out. Bring someone with you. And have fun with one another as you, too, serve the Lord with gladness. (Ps 100:2)



Treasurer's Report – Charlotte Hamilton

First and foremost, I am very humbled to have served as your treasurer for almost four years. Thank you to all you wonderful, God-fearing women who send in with complete dedication your treasures, who serve with your talents and donate countless hours of your time. It truly has been a gift to have shared this journey with all of you.

There was a series of Stewardship Articles that I use to read at Treasured Times each month and I found them very helpful, especially as a newly elected treasurer. As I was going over the national mites page at LWML's web site, I came across an article entitled "The 8 T's of Stewardship". I thought to myself, "Eight? I didn't know there were eight." I clicked on the article, written by Rev. John Heckmann, LWML Pastoral Counselor 2011-2015, revised August 2017 by Rev. Robert Mundahl, LWML Pastoral Counselor 2015-2019. Here is a portion of what I found:

The Eight T's are:

Time, Talent, Treasure, Testimony, Touch, Tissue, Trash, and Technology.



You know the first three; the last four go like this:

- * testimony (Christian witnessing),
- * touch (relationships),
- * tissue (care of our bodies),
- * trash (care of God's creation), and
- * technology (our use of the electronic devices and tools with which God has blessed us).

WOW!! What an article! It can be found here: <http://www.lwml.org/program-helps-collections>

Mites from our local societies continue to be steady but a little on the downward side. However, we have been able to pay all of our grants, send representatives to National Convention, support our college students with Scholarships, and look ahead to our Wyoming District Convention coming up in Cheyenne in June. Please lift up in prayer all the ladies, as well as Pastors, who have agreed to run for an office.

Vice President of Human Care – Gwen Walker

I have been in contact with Pastor Gregory Sonnenschein and his wife Rachel in regards to the Gifts of the Heart items we will be collecting at the ingathering during the Convention in Cheyenne. The flyer is in the Convention Registration packet that can be found with this newsletter and on the website:

www.wyolwml.org

Vice President of Servant Resources - Terri Denniston

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. John 15:16

Since autumn and winter have arrived, my committees and I have been busy. Our biggest work and concern has been finding candidates for the upcoming offices: President, Vice President of Human Care, Vice President of Servant Resources, Treasurer, and Pastoral Counselors. While the work has been challenging, it also has been a joy. Pastor Temme has served as our advisor and reminds us that as we work, we are to keep Jesus in the center. When we have done what we can do, we leave (often uncompleted duties) at the foot of the cross of Jesus, because it is not our work but HIS work.

Today, in searching for a Bible verse to organize my thoughts, I put “appointed” in the search bar. Quickly glancing through the many verses that include this word, I noted that our most Holy and gracious God does the appointing. In the months ahead, the LWML societies will be selecting delegates to represent that society at the upcoming convention. Some delegates will volunteer for this position. However, consider the delegate appointed. The delegate has important duties to carry out. Electing our next officers is very important for our district to carry out the work it is appointed to do. Selecting the next Mission Grants will focus our pledge to give “our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him.” Of course, while there are those duties, we also have Bible Study leaders and speakers to enlighten and strengthen us in our walk with Jesus.



After the officers have been elected, there will be many opportunities for our LWML members to serve in appointed positions. Prayerfully, consider whether this appointment is from Jesus. He will walk with you through the challenges of anything taken on for His name. Also, it still isn't too late to consider serving in one of the elective offices listed above. Again, Jesus will help you along the way because He has appointed wonderful LWML members to mentor, guide, and love you as you learn and grow.

God bless you and keep you in His mercy and grace through His Son, Jesus Christ. I look forward to seeing you at convention in Cheyenne.