

Wyoming Spiritual Newsletter Winter 2017



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## President's Message - Danyne Six

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Wow – just look at the stats below:

- 744 towels
- 6,336 pencils
- 1247 scissors
- 220 centerpieces
- 44 fleece
- 366 backpacks
- 63 quilts
- 607 dish cloths
- 369 scrubbies



Have we, in the Wyoming District been busy or what? Also, a big shout out to those who are attending the convention and have filled out the Call for Workers form and to those who are on the 2017 Host Committee: Barb Schaer, Linda Fischer, Sheila Phelps, Christina Counselor and Carrie Brumbaugh.

Lots of stats, lots of names, lots of forms and, in some cases, lots of dollars covering lots of details.

Looking at all of this, we have this convention covered, right? But wait, are we missing the most important facet of this entire convention . . . Jesus? Yes, Jesus Christ IS Above All! He's above the decorations and sashes; He's above the favors and servant events; and He's above the planning, coordinating, meetings and emails necessary to put on an event of this magnitude.

Let us not get so caught up in the details that we lose our focus of who we are glorifying as we participate in this exciting event. Yes, we'll join in the Diamond Dazzle as we celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the LWML. We'll all treasure our time in Albuquerque, enjoy new sights and sounds and cherish those friends that are made along the way.

Yet, while doing all of this, let's be fed through worship and Bible study and keep our focus on the convention verse, "Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name." Philippians 2:9.

To God alone be the glory!

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## VP OF GOSPEL OUTREACH – Ellen Burbank

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! We have paid \$22,000 of our \$40,000 mission grant goal since October 2016. In addition, \$850 of the Wyoming District Hispanic Ministry grant from the 2014-2016 biennium was paid. As we prepare to head to Albuquerque, keep an eye on the LWML website as mission grants that will be voted on are posted. Review these grants and send your thoughts to your Zone delegate for voting.

It's also never too early to be thinking of grants that the Wyoming District can support during the 2018-2020 biennium! Grant information and paperwork will be available in the late summer / early fall.

<b>Grant</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Paid</b>
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	\$0.00
Pastoral Education, West Africa - instruction resources	\$500.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>	<b>\$22,000.00</b>

## CHIMNEY ROCK - Jeanette Stahl, President



**2016 LWML gatherings:** The Chimney Rock Zone held its Christian Life Workshop May 1, 2016 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bridgeport. The theme was "Rejoice". The group enjoyed the guest speaker, Rev. Dr. George Naeem, Lutheran pastor and leader of BOLM (Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission). The ingathering for the workshop, organized by the Human Care Committee, was a monetary donation to the Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne Food and Clothing Co-op.

The Chimney Rock Zone Fall Rally was held at Salem Lutheran Church in Gurley October 16, 2016 under the theme "Jesus Christ Above All" based on Philippians 2:9. The special guest speaker was the LWML WY District President, Danyne Six. The ingathering for the fall rally, organized by the Human Care Committee, was a monetary ingathering to purchase SCRIP cards to benefit flood victims in Baton Rouge, LA.

God provided very talented LWML gals, who have been "busy bees" all winter, to serve as sewers, knitters, crochet-ers, shoppers, center piece decorators, and more that were needed to provide quilts, school bags, and fleece for blankets for the servant events to be offered at the LWML 2017 Albuquerque Convention; along with dish cloths & scrubbies for favors; and "blinging" cake plates for center pieces. All praise be to God!!!!

**Looking forward to LWML opportunities in 2017** ~ Christian Life Workshop held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Potter the end of April, 2017; 2017 LWML Albuquerque Convention June 22-25, 2017; Fall Rally to be held in October, 2017 at Faith Lutheran Church in Gering and perhaps a Prayer Coffee or retreat sometime in between.

SENIOR PASTORAL COUNSELOR - Pastor Jais H. Tinglund

**In a Reformation Year  
the first thing to remember**

*When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said: "Repent", He meant that the entire life of believers should be repentance.*

This is the first of Luther's "95 Theses Against the Trade of Indulgences" posted on the door of the Castle Cathedral in Wittenberg on October 31st, 1517, which would spark the immense uproar that would eventually become the Reformation and the birth of the Lutheran Church.



It is worth remembering this, as we celebrate the anniversary of the posting of the 95 Theses. For although it was not quite clear to Luther himself what it meant, the truth of God which was but beginning to dawn for him at that time, the thesis brings out an important aspect to the precious truth God was beginning to restore to His Church.

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Now, that does not sound too cheerful, does it, that we should spend our entire life being miserable about being poor, miserable sinners, as we are.

No, and that is exactly the point. Repentance is something other than the act of ruminating over our wrongdoings, and when we have reached a sufficiently deep realization of just how bad we are, seeking mercy with God, and then have forgiveness of sins - until the next time we do something bad.

The Gospel had begun to dawn on Luther, that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption in Christ Jesus, whom God presented as an atoning sacrifice to be received by faith (Romans 3:23-25). And with that, he also had to see that the whole system the church had set up with individual acts of repentance was a complete misunderstanding of what it means to be a Christian and have forgiveness of one's sins in Christ.

The church of the pope taught that whenever we sin, we fall out of this relationship with God, and we must restore it through the act of penitence. This means that for each and every specific sin one commits, one must repent specifically, and make a specific confession, so as to have that specific sin forgiven. But "who can discern his errors?" as Psalm 19 asks. We all have sin of which we do not know, because we forget, or we are not aware that this or that thing we do or say or think is sin, although it is. Moreover, sin is not only the wrong we do or say or think, rather, sin is the very disposition of ungodliness in our hearts and minds, which lies behind all that we think and say and do, and of which we might not be aware at all, had Holy Scripture had not taught it so clearly, that that is our nature.

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More importantly, though, the idea that each individual sin call for a specific confession and plea for mercy is a misunderstanding of repentance, and of the Gospel itself. It makes our repentance the act by which we are made righteous and right with God and rescued from His wrath and judgement. But as the Gospel teaches it, the act by which we are made righteous and right with God is that which our Lord Jesus has done for us in His life and His death. He has fulfilled all righteousness, having Himself baptized into us to make Himself one with us, and having lived the life for us that we owe it to God to live, and having borne the judgement and paid the price and penalty for our failure to live that life ourselves. All are justified by the redemption in Him. And this is to be received by faith, when

it is promised to us according to His Word and command.

Having been baptized into Him we are made one with Him. All that is His is ours. All that He is, we are also before God, righteous and innocent, free from sin and guilt, beloved of God and heirs to His heavenly life. And we are that, when we believe in His promise. "There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1). And we are in Him, when we believe His promise of righteousness and forgiveness of all sin through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Therefore we can pray, as Psalm 19 also does after asking the rhetorical question as to who can discern his errors: "Declare me innocent from hidden faults!" And we can know that God will answer the prayer He Himself has given to us. Or as Luther would later write in the Small Catechism: "Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts."

Our life as Christians is constant penitence, as we constantly acknowledge before God that we cannot save ourselves from sin, and seek our salvation instead in what He has done for us in Christ. And then we can know that we have full and complete forgiveness for our sin; always, and whatever our sin may be.

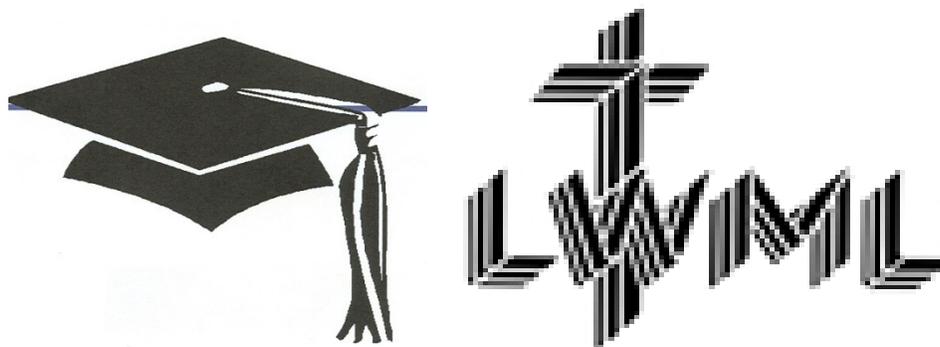


VP OF CHRISTIAN LIFE - Brenda Ellis

GOT STAMPS?????? The Wyoming District LCMS is still collecting cancelled stamps for TUBFRIM. The stamps may be torn or cut off the envelopes but must have at least a 1/4" border around them and the stamps themselves must not be torn or ripped. Christ The King Lutheran Church in Cody is in charge of this project. If you have stamps and can get them to one of the LWML District Board Members they will get delivered to Cody.



Since its inception in 1928, the Norway-based organization, [Tubfrim](#), has been raising money to help children. Originally started to aid children afflicted by tuberculosis, the organization now works to improve the quality of life for children and youth with handicaps as well.



**The Lutheran Women's Missionary League Wyoming District will be offering four (4) scholarships for the 2017-2018 school year.**

**ELIGIBILITY Requirements include:**

- ❖ **College/seminary students who are members of the Wyoming District Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod attending an LCMS higher educational institution**
  
- ❖ **First priority will be given to those students studying for full-time church work, especially seminary students and rostered church workers**
  
- ❖ **Special consideration will be made for undergraduate students attending an LCMS higher education institution if there are no qualified applicants to meet the above requirements**

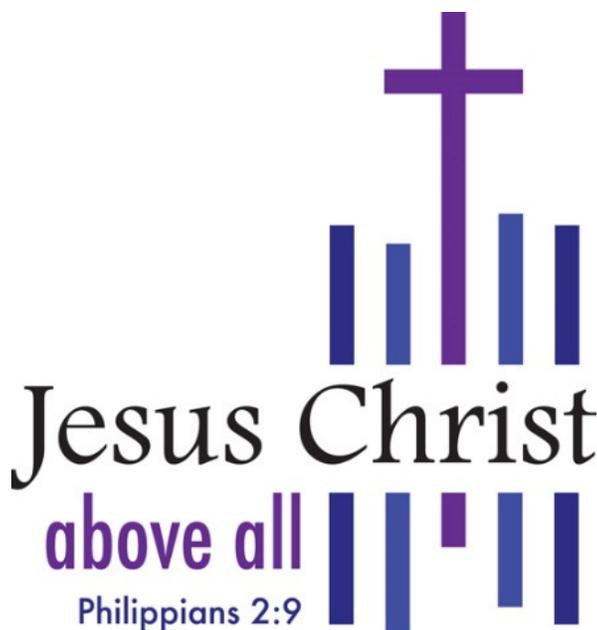
**Each scholarship is to be equally divided for the Fall/Spring semesters and two alternates will be chosen as recipients in case one of the original recipients becomes ineligible.**

**In addition, one scholarship will be awarded to a student from the Wyoming District – LCMS going into full-time church work, with preference towards seminarians, attending an LCMS higher educational institution. This scholarship may be awarded to a descendent of Alex and LeOra Pitsch meeting the above criteria if a member of the Wyoming District is not eligible.**

**DEADLINE TO APPLY: June 30, 2017**

## 2017 ALBUQUERQUE CONVENTION UPDATE

February 2017



In five short months we'll be in Albuquerque welcoming many guests to celebrate the LWML's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and to proclaim His Name above all names as we worship together.

**Host Committee Appointments** – We welcome two new Host Committee members: Bobette Plankey (Onsite Hostess Director from Immanuel – Twin Falls) and Susan Frauenfeld (Bulletin Bits Director from Denver, Colorado). Bobette and Susan F. are stepping into the work already begun by Roberta Pero and Susan Weimer who recently resigned. We thank Roberta and Susan W. for beginning their walk to ABQ with us.

**Call for Workers** – Personnel Data Management Chairman (PDMC) Sheryl VerWey is busy adding worker information to the database. HC Chairmen and Directors

are now evaluating the workers needed to complete tasks in their areas and will request these workers from PDMC Sheryl. **More workers are needed to fill these requests.** In March worker assignments will be made and the worker packets will be mailed. These packets contain the worker registration form, registration discount of \$65, and special dress order form. The LWML is offering workers a benefit by **reserving a block of rooms at the Fairfield Inn.** This hotel is not listed in the *Quarterly* and the rates are very affordable. Forms have been sent to all workers and rooms can be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis by contacting me.

**Want to play golf in ABQ?** The Tee Up 4 Mites Golf Outing will be held on Wednesday, June 21, before the convention begins. **All proceeds are given to the LWML's Mission Goal.** The Golf Committee is seeking various Sponsors and Hole Sponsorships. The Arroya del Oso Golf Course offers a unique golf experience and a challenge for golfers of all skill levels. How about getting a team together from your church? Would you or your family consider sponsoring a hole for \$100 in the honor of a loved one? The family name would be posted on the course and on a donor board in the Convention Center. For more information, read the article on Page B of the Convention Insert in the winter issue of the *Quarterly*.

Please pray for God's guidance in all convention planning and that His name will be glorified and proclaimed above all!

Joyfully serving Him,  
Lois Anderson, Chairman  
2017 LWML Host Committee



## LWML Servant Resources Kit

- Balloon:** Soar to greater heights of service in LWML.
- Crayon:** Color your days thankful for the Lord's grace and goodness.
- Flag:** Never flag in zeal for His work.
- Highlighter:** Always let your light shine brightly.
- Paper Clip:** Clip related ideas and thoughts together as you serve Him.
- Pen:** Pray that the Lord will use you to make good things hap"pen" in LWML.
- Pencil:** Make it a point to achieve your LWML goals and erase all doubts.
- Pennies:** Give Mites "cents"ibly and often to help reach our mission goal.
- Post-It Notes:** Note your good work completed as a record for those who follow you.
- Reinforcements:** Reinforce and strengthen your faith in Christ through Bible Study.
- Rubber band:** Stretch yourself beyond your expectations, and expand your knowledge about LWML.

*Serve the Lord with Gladness. Ps. 100:2*