



# LWML Wyoming District Spiritual Resource Newsletter Fall 2014



## President's Message—

With excitement I write my first article as your LWML Wyoming District President! I have to keep reminding myself not to look to our past president, Carrie Brumbaugh, for answers. If I would ever attempt to fill her shoes, it would be virtually impossible. However, the Lord has big feet, and using me as His instrument, we'll be able to do this daunting job ahead of us.

First on the "president's timeline" was filling the Executive Board. Trying to fill the void left by Evie Miller, Melvina Dillman, Jan Vogelsang, Barbara Coverdale and Pastor Maas would be an impossible task; my LWML journey was truly enhanced by each of these wonderful servants. Carrie, I'm happy to say, will continue to serve as Parliamentarian. What an awesome resource!

However, the Lord has long arms: He has opened hearts and our Executive Board's slate is full! Praise to His name!!! Sheila Phelps, Bonnie Wacker and Kathy Larsen will be joining us as assistants. Also, I look forward to serving with newly elected: VP of Human Care – Debbie Lee; Treasurer – Charlotte Hamilton; VP of Servant Resources – Terri Denniston and Pastoral Counselor – Rev. Jais Tingland.

I'm grateful to Linda Fischer and Christina Counselor, for agreeing to be the president's and recording secretaries; also to returning board members: Pastor Humphrey, Brenda Ellis, Karen Lininger, Barb Schaer, Jennifer Scheel, Kathy Barr, Connie Cordes and Amy Jones. Each brings unique and much sought after talent and experience.

What a joy Darci Boche and Leah Sherman have brought as Young Women Reps. I vicariously went to Pittsburgh as they shared their experiences at our District Convention!

Our zones are in good hands with Bert Maki, Terri Denniston, Donna Reker, Diane Schurman, Linda Fischer and Jennifer Scheel as presidents.

What a powerful board! I'm thankful to be surrounded by the Lord's loving servants! See a pattern here? Yes, the Lord is in charge, we're just lowly instruments.

God's blessings to all as we embrace what lies ahead in this venture called life.

Prayerfully serving,

Danyne Six



## 2014-2016 Mission Grants

A mission grant goal of \$40,000 was set with the following grants chosen to be the recipients of the mite grant money:

Mission	Amount	Paid
Wyoming District Lutheran Schools - Educational Materials	\$4,000	
Wind River Mission - VBS, Van Repairs, Repairs & Supplies	\$5,700	
Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alliance, NE - Start-Up Expenses	\$6,000	
Fort Wayne Food Co-op - Support for Supplies & Food	\$5,000	
Pastoral Assistance West Africa - Travel Expenses & Ongoing Equipping of Leadership	\$5,000	
First Steps Preschool, Torrington, NE - Tuition Expense Assistance	\$3,600	
Trinity/HOPE Lutheran Schools in Haiti - Feeding School Children in Haiti	\$5,000	
Tell The Good News About Jesus Convocation - Continued Support	\$4,000	
Pastoral Education in West Africa - Instruction Books & Pastoral Resources	\$850	
Wyoming District Hispanic Ministry - Start-Up Expenses	\$850	

The Mission Grant Power Paks will be coming soon! Keep visiting our LWML WY District website for updated information: [www.wyolwml.org](http://www.wyolwml.org)

Barb Schaer, VP of Gospel Outreach



## Yellowstone Zone Report

We are busy planning for our Fall Rally that will be held in Lovell, WY on September 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30 a.m. Our theme will be "Journey to the Cross" with the Bible Study by our Pastoral Counselor, Lee Wisroth. Our Spring "Joy" Shop will be on April 18<sup>th</sup>, also in Lovell.

Since I am now also Secretary to the President, you will be receiving your Quarterly charges by September or October. It is important that you fill out all of the forms included and send them to Danyne and I at the addresses listed on each form. I now know how important that is, as it is my only record that I have on each society.

In His Service,  
Linda Fischer  
Yellowstone Zone President

## Tips from the Parliamentarian – “Parliamentary Procedure Can Be Practical”

The following is a portion of an article on the LWML website entitled Parliamentary basics. I am including it here since the way a meeting runs can be helped by the use of a basic Agenda. Meetings of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League are marked by good order, guided by God’s Word, and upheld in prayer.

### Basic Agenda

It is a good idea for the president to prepare a basic agenda in advance of the meeting. This written outline or order of business helps the president to take up each item in a logical sequence. Then as the meeting progresses, she can note what action was taken. In preparing the agenda she will review the minutes of the previous meeting with the secretary and consult with other officers who intend to introduce new business.

Presiding officers will sometimes expand the basic agenda into a script agenda, which includes everything the chair knows she will say during the meeting from “The meeting will please come to order” to “The meeting is adjourned”. This is especially effective if you know there will be items on the agenda, which members may disagree on.

It will be important for the president to check on arrangements for the meeting room and arrive early enough to begin the meeting on time. It is also her duty to determine whether a quorum is present. The quorum is the minimum number of voting members who must be present in order to transact business legally. A society’s bylaws should establish the quorum. If not, the quorum is a majority of the membership.

Hoping this will be a helpful reminder to those of you attending or presiding over meetings!

Serving Gladly with each of you!  
Carrie Brumbaugh



## Human Care Report

**School is back in session! The opening Service for the 169th academic year at Ft. Wayne will be Sunday, September 7 and the 175<sup>th</sup> year opens on September 5 for Concordia Seminary at St. Louis.** The LWML welcomes returning and first-year students and we ask God’s blessing on the coming year for seminarians and college students attending the Concordia Universities

The LWML WY District scholarships have been awarded to three seminary students and two students from Concordia-Seward. Each scholarship is in the amount of \$1,100 is for the 2014-2015 academic year and the Wyoming District – LCMS congregations have a history of assisting such students, as well. Contact me at the District Office, [wydist@aol.com](mailto:wydist@aol.com) if there is an interest in “adopting” a future church worker.

Thanks be to God for students of the Word,  
Debbie Lee, VP of Human Care

Romans 1:11-12

<sup>11</sup> For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— <sup>12</sup> that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

Let's all pitch in for  
2017!!!



An extra eighty-five. . . .  
Will make this dream  
Come alive!!!!

We're asking EVERY society to donate \$85.00  
to help with the start-up funds for the 2017  
LWML Convention in  
Salt Lake City, UT.

In addition, those blessed with a larger society – how about  
“adopting” a smaller one and helping them out??

**Please send yours to:**

**Brenda Ellis  
221 N 44<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cody, WY 82414**

## From Our Senior Pastoral Counselor

### Where Do We Find God?

Dear friends in Christ: polls by Barna and others over the last few years have shown that Americans as a group can increasingly be defined as “spiritual but not religious.” That is, many believe in God, believe in Jesus, and believe in heaven in some shape or form, but they do not go to any church. Part of this is due to our desire to have it our way whenever we want; that is, we don’t want any “uncomfortable” Christian teachings to tie us down. Have you ever heard somebody say something like “I don’t need to go to church. I worship God in my own way”? I certainly have, on more than one occasion. The idea that one doesn’t need a church to worship is quite common but, I’ll submit, it’s not really true. Now I don’t mean that one must have a big fancy building that “looks” like a church in order for the Church to be present. What I’m getting at is that we really can’t know about God except through the person and work of Jesus Christ. That is, to the people who say something like “I worship God by marveling at His creation as I hike in the mountains,” I would respond by asking them how they know whether this God loves them, hates them, or even cares whether they exist, and how they know this is the way God wants to be worshipped. If they’re honest, they can’t say for sure, it’s merely a desire or hope on their part. God has revealed Himself through our Lord Christ and He has deigned to make this known to the world through the Word and Sacraments. As Lutherans, we usually call them the “means of grace,” the way God’s undeserved favor for the sake of Jesus is given to us. And where are the means of grace to be found? Primarily at the Church, during Divine Service. Of course, God uses people at other times and places to reach those who are no part of His flock, but it’s the Gospel that always brings about faith. The desires and wanderings of fallen men and women like us can never lead us to Him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Luther wrote about this desire to be “freed” from the Word and Sacraments as delivered by the Church in his commentary on St. Paul’s 1<sup>st</sup> letter to the Corinthians. The reformer writes: “Whoever wants to be proof against that and be safe must take this admonition to heart and be warned to retain and cling to this Word which Paul proclaimed and to ignore whatever objections others might raise to it, even though these may boast of their side of the story and lend it a good appearance. For here you hear what fruit this Gospel of St. Paul produced among them and what fruit it still produces, namely, that all became Christians through it and were saved and that people must still be saved by it. And since this fruit is ours by virtue of the Gospel, why should we search further or permit ourselves to be diverted from this and be directed and led to other things? For whatever directs us otherwise can surely not be as good, but it must be false and sheer seduction, since it pretends to have something which we already have by means of this Gospel; and thereby it denies all this or disdains it utterly. Therefore Paul addresses the Corinthians as though it were unnecessary to admonish them beyond asking them to recall and observe what they received and how they became Christians. ‘For if you note that’, he wants to say, ‘you will surely adhere to it and remain safe from all sorts of error. For you can easily differentiate between my doctrine and theirs and judge in accordance with what you gain from each, observing whether they are able to submit something better than my Gospel, by which you are saved.’ And let us note here that Paul is speaking of the oral presentation of the Gospel preached by him and that he assigns to it such a claim and such praise, that they ‘stand in it and are saved by it’ alone. This is done in contrast to our blind spirits who disdain the external Word and Sacrament, and in their stead adduce their own imaginary spiritism” (From Luther’s Works, Vol. 28).

What Luther wrote almost 500 years ago is still true today—man’s fallen desires really don’t change from generation to generation. That’s why our Lord gave us the Word and the Sacraments; on our own, we would wander into the abyss of our own blind desires. That’s also why we cling to the means of grace so tenaciously, and proclaim it so tenaciously to others. May the Lord graciously keep us from ever ignoring the means of grace which brought us into His glorious kingdom and keep us safely there!



In Christ—  
Pr. Ken Humphrey

## High Plains Zone Report – Diane Schurman, President

2014 has sure gone by quickly. The High Plains Zone conducted its Christian Life Program – call the “Joy Shop” in our Zone in April. The 2014 Joy Shop was held in Cheyenne, Wyoming at Trinity Lutheran Church. The ingathering was to collect shoes to be given to the Orphan Grain Train for distribution. The ingathering was successful with not only a collection of shoes but some socks as well as money to help in shipping expenses. A thank you letter from the Orphan Grain Train was received expressing an appreciation of everything received along with notice that the items would be shipped in the near future and would be used.



The Zone Fall Rally will be held at King of Glory in Cheyenne. The guest speaker will be on the mission trip to Belize. Also, a report will be given from the Wyoming District LWML President. At the Fall Rally a business meeting will be conducted including the beginning planning stages of a Retreat for the LWML High Plains Zone. Installation of President-Elect and Treasurer will also be conducted at this Fall Rally.

The High Plains Zone also conducted two Executive Board Meetings, one in February to plan the Joy Shop and the other was held in August for planning the Fall Rally.

**2014  
LWML  
FALL RALLY**

**HIGH  
PLAINS  
ZONE**

Please join us  
High Plains Zone Fall Rally  
King of Glory Lutheran Church  
8806 Yellowstone Road  
Cheyenne, WY

Registration 1:30pm  
Program at 2:00pm

### AGENDA

- 1:30pm Registration \$5 (Pastors are free)
  - 2:00pm Prayer/Devotion by Rev. Anderson
  - Offering
  - Program Speaker— Mission Trip 2014
  - Break
  - Business Session
    - Credentials Report
    - Minutes of 2013 Fall Rally
    - Treasurer’s Report
    - District Reports
    - Officer Reports
    - Society Reports
  - Nominations Received & From Floor
  - Voting
  - Installation of Officers
  - Closing Prayer by Host Society Pastor
  - Meal follows
- God’s blessings and we pray for safe travels -  
thank you for attending this Fall Rally*

## From your Christian Life Committee

Kathy Barr, Chairwoman

I'd like to share with you the following news in the August eNewsletter CALL from the national Christian Life Committee. At our District Convention Pat Reichert, LWML VP of Special Focus Ministries, talked about a new program, The Time is NOW. This article tells a way you can be personally involved with 2-Minute Tuesday emails.

### Share the LWML Message-The Time is NOW!



Have you taken the pledge? The Time is NOW to share our passion for Christ. It's not just a message from national – this is **your** message. How will you incorporate The Time is NOW into your planning, goal-setting, and communications? Consider inviting like-minded LWML women to take The Time is NOW pledge and participate in 2-Minute Tuesdays. It's easy! Go to the LWML website and click on "The Time is NOW" logo to take the pledge. Then share your email address

to receive 2-Minute Tuesday emails. You will receive an email every other Tuesday from LWML leaders who will share timely tips, insight, and wisdom.

Look for The Time is NOW 2-Minute Tuesdays on the LWML Facebook page, too!

### CALL --What Does This Mean?

#### Archived CALL Newsletters

Go to the following link for past issues:

<http://www.lwml.org/christian-life/call-newsletter.php>



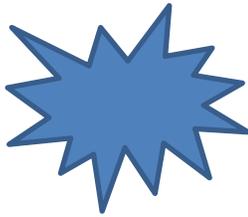
- C** a phone is one way we connect
- A** reflects "connecting the dots"
- L** sign language – our connections are not just verbal
- L** it's all about God, His Love for us, and we are a reflection of Him

## A Word from the Webmaster/Newsletter Editor

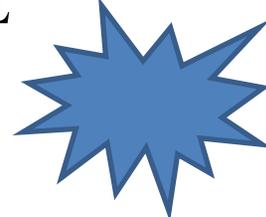
Please send **any** and **all** information for upcoming events in your Zone or Society to me [smileyscheel@hotmail.com](mailto:smileyscheel@hotmail.com) so I can add them to our website or the next newsletter (to be published in January). I will be working with the WY District Board of Directors at our meeting in October to collect and publish valuable information on the website. I want it to be your "go to" place for anything regarding the LWML WY District! [www.wyolwml.org](http://www.wyolwml.org)

Jennifer L. Scheel

## SALT LAKE CITY CONVENTION HOST COMMITTEE



### News Flash



The 2017 LWML Convention in Salt Lake City will be a reality in a mere 22 months! What an awesome privilege the Wyoming District has to serve on the Host Committee and to be God's shining light to the people in the Salt Lake City community.

As one of the four districts hosting this convention, we have been asked to raise funds for the Host Committee expenses: **\$5,000 per district which breaks down to \$85 per society.**

You're no doubt asking, "What are these expenses and what are we supporting?" Very good questions and the answers are outlined for you:

- Booth space at the Des Moines Convention in 2015 - \$475. Volunteers from the four districts will be working in this booth to promote the SLC Convention in 2017.
- T-shirts that will be sold prior and during convention. The profit from these sales will help pay for other Host Committee expenses.
- Special dress (shirts, hats, ribbons, buttons) which distinguishes Host Committee workers.
- Dinner for 100+ people (Board of Directors (BOD), Convention Planning Committee(CPC), Executive Committee (EC), and Host Committee (HC) members in January/February of convention year.
- Tee Up 4 Mites Golf Outing expenses.
- Publicity expenses for exhibit space at synodical conventions or any other gathering where the SLC Convention is promoted.
- Favors, gifts, and other public relations materials given out at LWML BOD, CPC, EC meetings.

**Please lead the pre-convention fundraising activities in your congregation.** Let your fellow members know that we, the Wyoming District, and hundreds of workers from the Utah-Idaho, Montana and Rocky Mountain Districts will have the privilege of serving on the SLC Host Committee. Please let your members know that their prayers are coveted and their financial support is appreciated and counted on.

Blessings to each of you!

Danyne Six  
LWML Wyoming District President

Lois Anderson, Chairman  
2017 LWML Convention SLC