



Wyoming District LWML Spiritual Resource Newsletter Fall 2010



President's Message—

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our convention in Gering was truly a special event and I hope you will agree with me, that the convention goal was accomplished! I believe we did rely on God as the Lord of Grace. We assembled together, were edified and strengthened in our faith, peace, joy and hope in many ways. Pastor Wittrock's Bible Study concentrated on Romans 5:1-11, and edified us by reminding us that we are justified by faith, have peace with God, and standing in His grace we rejoice in hope. Rachel Hinze and Debbie Neugebauer certainly helped us fill the hall with joyful sounds as they led us in singing. The speakers were well chosen and helped us focus again on our gracious Father in Heaven. Finally, fellowship with each other, renewing acquaintances and beginning the bonds of new friendships are such a wonderful part of any LWML gathering, but especially at this convention.

I want to say a special thank you to the co-convention chairmen, Irma Walter and DeVon Hadden. They are wonderfully capable women and brought together the women of the Chimney Rock Zone to host this convention in very fine fashion. Thanks to zone president, Evie Miller and all the women in the zone who had any part in making this all happen.

New officers elected were: Carrie Brumbaugh – President; Melvina Dillman - Vice President of Servant Resources; Terri Denniston - Vice President of Human Care; Jan Vogelsang – Treasurer; Reverend Mark Maas - Junior Counselor. Please pray for these people as they take on new responsibilities for our Wyoming District LWML. Also pray for our mission goal of \$34,000, and all of the new LWML Mission Grants, as well as the scholarship recipients. The scholarships given will be \$1,100 each to 6 students each year for the next two school years.

Finally I want to again thank our new past president Gerry Neeriemer. You did a wonderful job for our Wyoming District LWML, and have touched many lives in special ways during your term. To God be the Glory! Thank You.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the fall rallies I will be attending. Each zone board has planned a special day for you. Please plan to attend your fall rally.



In Remembrance



Bernice Craft

2nd President of the Wyoming District
LWML 1974-1978
Passed away August 1, 2010

Condolences may be sent to her husband,
Frank Craft,
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Gladly Serving,
Carrie Brumbaugh
Wyoming District LWML President

LOOK INSIDE!

In this issue are articles by the following officers:
Terri Denniston, VP of Human Care;
Gwen Walker, Christian Life Chair;
Connie Cordes, VP of Gospel Outreach;
Evie Miller, Parliamentarian;
Julie McGinnis, High Plains Zone President;
Gwen Walker, Yellowstone Zone President;
Rev. Allen Strawn, Senior Pastoral Counselor

VP of Human Care--

Am I Qualified for the Job?

Lord, You know me far better than I know myself. You know my strengths and every weakness, my every act and my every desire. Yet You love me, forgive me and give me Your grace and the power of the Holy Spirit to do Your will. Strengthen me through the assurance that I am Your redeemed child and give me a willing heart to serve You. Amen

As your new Vice President of Human Care, I have to confess I was a reluctant candidate. Yet, as I was sweating it out in the balcony at the opening LWML Convention service, I came before the Lord humbly with a prayer similar to the one written above. When I received an email from our newsletter editor asking for an article, I panicked. With Evie Miller's help, I found the file about articles. Imagine my surprise when I found this prayer under Human Care Spiritual Resources! Isn't God great? He really does give us the resources to do His work.

Part of that work is equipping our men and women in their theological training to carry out their mission of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our LCMS does this through the Concordia University System and our Concordia Seminaries. Our LWML Wyoming District has scholarship money available to help in this endeavor. This year, we are giving 3 scholarships. Nathan Neugebauer, Gering, Neb., will begin his studies at Concordia Seminary. Tyrel Bramwell, Rock Springs, Wyo., will begin his studies at Concordia Seminary. Abby Zenk, Riverton, Wyo., is a senior at Concordia University – Wisconsin.

The importance of this work took a personal note for me in August. Our Savior Lutheran Church in Torrington, Wyo., celebrated 75 years of preaching and teaching the Gospel. This congregation was part of the vicarage program for many years. Our LWML Wyoming District counselor, Pastor Strawn, was one of those Vicars. Other former vicars attended the celebration. What a privilege to know that, as Pastors, they continue to share God's love with others. LCMS President Kieschnick was our honored guest and proclaimer at our anniversary celebration. Meeting him was an honor. He thanked LWML for all that they do and encouraged us to carry on.

With Our Lord's help, I intend to fill this position joyfully and wisely. On my own I can't do it as well. As you again gather in your LWML societies, I encourage you to pray this prayer and see what the Lord has in mind for you. *"For I know the plans I have for you,"* declares the Lord, *"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* Jer. 29:11 (NIV). The Old Testament people longed for that hope – we know that Hope, Jesus Christ. Let's get busy and share that Good News as we CARE for those God puts in our path.

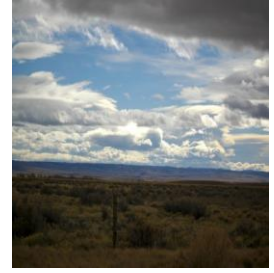


Newly elected officers are shown at the end of the Wyoming District LWML Convention. From left, Melvina Dillman, VP Servant Resources, Carrie Brumbaugh, president, Jan Vogelsang, treasurer, and Terri Denniston, VP Human Care. (Not shown, Pastor Mark Maas, Junior Pastoral Counselor)

**Terri Denniston,
VP Human Care**

High Plains Zone Report

High Plains Zone LWML is gearing up for the yearly fall rally, business meeting and program on Sept. 26. Our new District president, Carrie Brumbaugh, is attending this event with us, telling of LWML's national and district goals, and hearing about our experiences during the past year.



This zone is seeking replacements for two officer positions during the Rally, president-elect and treasurer. Our current president-elect Cheri Maas of King of Glory, Cheyenne, will advance to Zone president; Cathy Noel of Trinity, Cheyenne, remains as the Zone secretary, and Cindy Anderson of King of Glory continues as Zone member-at-large. Sandi Waldo of King of Glory is our current treasurer.

During the District convention at Gering, Neb., in June, it was a pleasure to notice each of our societies sent a delegate. Thanks again to Our Savior "Women in Mission" for designing and constructing the zone convention banner," GRACE FAITH PEACE HOPE JOY Rom . 5:1-2."

Of course, Wyoming's weather will always humble us and cause snags in our scheduling. Certainly this was the case in April when the Zone's spring JoyShop fell on the same weekend as a heavy snowfall that Laramie, Wheatland and Pine Bluffs to be snowed in. Yet the societies in Cheyenne carried on in spite of the snow. From 1 Peter 4:9, using whatever gift one receives to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in love to one another and offering hospitality, these ladies collected hygiene kits for distribution by Lutheran World Relief (LWR), constructed fleece baby blankets for Cheyenne child care centers, studied hospitality in the Scriptures using a study prepared by Zone Pastoral advisor Pastor Shawn Kumm (Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Laramie) and taught by Pastor Sam Christensen (Trinity, Cheyenne), and finally, enjoyed a tea luncheon (All the while wearing hats!) The Pine Bluffs/Grace Ladies Aid sent a separate shipment of hygiene kits to LWR.

The executive board had a planning meeting for each event, in March for the JoyShop and in August for the Rally. Zone membership came together in April and September for Christian service and fellowship.

Receiving faith graciously to serve the Lord with gladness in joy, peace and hope (Rom. 5:1-2)

Julie McGinnis, Zone President

Yellowstone Zone Report



The Yellowstone Zone held their annual spring "Joy" shop on Apr. 17. It was hosted by St. Paul's LWML in Thermopolis. Our theme was "A Bouquet of Sweet Ps" based on the 23rd Psalm presented by Pastor Brandt. The bouquet included Prosperity, Peace, Pardon, Protection, Presence, Place, Promise and Paradise. We enjoyed being together in God's word, fellowship, singing praises to our King and a delicious meal. We also have new prayer partners to help lift us up when we are down!!

We will be traveling over the mountain for the first time to hold our fall rally at Immanuel in Sheridan on Sept. 18. We are looking forward to the trip. Pastor Cain will be giving the opening and closing devotions and Pastor Brandt will speak on life issues. Our in-gathering will benefit the Martin Luther Grammar School in Sheridan.

Gwen Walker, Zone President

From Our Pastoral Counselor—

On the topic of money—(first-fruits giving)

It is always a treacherous topic to discuss in the church, yet, God's Word talks about it so frequently. What you give will not be the topic of this newsletter article. For the moment we'll leave that between you and God. This newsletter article will discuss some premises and a tool for giving. These are suggestions used so that you may more cheerfully give of the treasures that are God's.



But first we must begin with a premise: All that we have is God's. We are God's stewards. Psalm 51 states: ¹⁶ *For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.* ¹⁷ *The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*

The second premise we must have: God has given some suggestions on how we give to His church. 1 Corinthians 16:2 *"On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come."* Are you ready for the shocker? God doesn't need the money in your pocket. He has it all already anyway. Instead he has entrusted it to you to support His work in your family, your church, your community, the world. St. Paul gives the directive to set aside a proportionate amount on the first of the week. Why the first of the week? Why not after we pay the bills or buy groceries? Because giving back to the Lord has always been the first thing to do.

In Deuteronomy we hear of first-fruits giving. In chapter 26:2 God instructs His people: *"take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there."* God instructed His people 1) to give their offerings first, that is before you do anything else with the income, and 2) to bring them to the place where God's name dwells. We call that His Church.

How might we be able to do that? That answer can be as diverse as the people involved. The Christian financial educator, Dave Ramsey suggests an envelope method to manage all finances. That could look something like this: With my church envelope in hand, whenever I get some funds, I set aside the offering I plan to give. I do this every time I receive some funds, whether I have put the offering in the plate already or not.

What benefit to the church and the world is a first-fruits gift? This is setting aside the return gift to the Lord based on what He has given me instead of when I go to the church. If I happen to miss church a week or two (a different topic), the first-fruits gift to the Lord is still there to be given. This sets our giving based on the gift given to us from God, instead of our church attendance.

In 2 Corinthians 9, St. Paul gives good instruction and sage advice on how to live as Christians who are also glad givers. In verse 6 he says, *"The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."* God has gladly and freely given everything to us, especially the forgiveness of sins, therefore we can also gladly and freely give so that our neighbor may have the benefit of the same Gospel given to us.

St. Paul continues: *"Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"* (v. 7). Remember, God willingly sent His Son. God is the ultimate cheerful giver because we are not. Abundant grace to us! God "loves a cheerful giver" for that is a reflection of His gifts to us.

Finally, St. Paul gives a glorious promise. *"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.... He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God."* (vv. 8-11)

In Christ, **Pastor Allen Strawn, Senior Pastoral Counselor**

Christian Life Chairman – Prayers Circles in Gering

The Christian life committee used the Mustard Seed Devotions for their prayer circles in Gering in June. Our speaker, Linda Arnold, VP of Communications from Illinois, encouraged us to go on line and register to receive them daily in our e-mail. Visit LWML.org to get started. The following is an example of what you will receive:

Living in the Spirit ... Gives Me Power

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

The storm crashed around the house. Lightning flashed, thunder roared, hail pounded against the windows. And then the power went out. The family huddled in darkness, fearing that the fierce winds would demolish their home. When morning came, they inspected the damages and prepared for the day. Breakfast? No power meant no hot coffee, no warm toast. The air was unbearably hot. No power meant no air conditioning. How had the rest of the city fared? No power meant no radio or TV to catch the news. No power to begin the ordinary routines of the day.

When Jesus was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane, His disciples were without power. In fear and dismay, they deserted Him and ran. After His resurrection, Jesus met with them. He spoke to them, and their fears dissolved. They believed His words, and power was restored – power from the Holy Spirit.

Electric power outages are to be expected now and then, but never will we experience an outage of Spirit power. This is Jesus’ promise to us, His disciples of the twenty-first century.

Dear Lord, thank You for the power of the Holy Spirit in my life. When I feel weak and helpless, remind me of the power that You and You alone can give. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Gwen Walker, Christian Life Chair

Wyoming District LWML Mission Grants for 2010-2012

1. Orphan Grain Train, Rocky Mountain Division	\$3,500
2. Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Food Co-op	\$5,000
3. LCMS Joint Seminary Fund	\$2,500
4. Trinity/HOPE-Haiti Lutheran School	\$5,000
5. Wyoming District-LCMS Evangelism Committee	\$3,000
6. Training Pastors for Gospel Outreach in Africa	\$5,000
7. Veterans of the Cross	\$4,000
8. Wyoming Unit of Good Shepherd Auxiliary	\$3,900
9. Lutheran Blind Mission -Partial Pay	\$2,100

Total amount of Mission Grants \$34,000

Gospel Outreach

This biennium I would like to familiarize you with the grants we chose in June 2010. Two grants per newsletter will be featured. In the fall your society should receive the “Power Paks” to help educate your congregations through bulletin inserts, about our grants. Thank you in advance for being missionaries by sharing the gospel with your local societies.

#1. **Orphan Grain Train, Rocky Mountain Division** helps the needy, both domestic and overseas. In Julesburg, Colorado, volunteers collect clean used clothing which is lovingly sorted and packed in boxes. Currently, the warehouse is filled with approximately 1,500 boxes of clothing, ready to ship. Our grant will help pay the fuel expense for this oversea shipment. It costs \$7,000 to \$11,000 per shipment.

The \$3,500 grant will also help with disaster relief fuel and fuel to pick up large amounts of clothing. The Rocky Mountain Division territory includes Wyoming, Eastern Colorado, and Western Nebraska.

#2 The **Food and Clothing Co-op at Concordia Theological Seminary** plays a key role in helping students feed and clothe their families during their seminary years. Nearly 70 percent of the students are married, second career, with their families. They no longer have the same financial flow of funds that they had before, but continue to have the same financial needs.

The \$5,000 grant will provide for the Food Co-op to purchase eggs, milk, ground beef, fresh fruits and vegetables, and other perishable items. The food purchased goes entirely to the students to help offset their financial burden.

Connie Cordes, Wyoming District Vice President



PARLIAMENTARIAN- DID YOU KNOW?

I guess I really don't need an introduction so should really just "get on to business." However, you know me . . . must tell a little bit about how I came to be the Wyoming District LWML Parliamentarian. ***President Carrie asked me and I said yes!!*** End of story!!!

I found this article on the LWML web site and found it very interesting. Hope you will glean something from it. If you have any questions regarding parliamentary procedure, please feel free to e-mail your question to me. I will soon be getting the files, so I should be able to look up your questions.

1. When minutes are approved, the word *Approved*, with the secretary's initials and the date should be written below them.
2. The name of the "seconder" of a motion should not be entered in the minutes unless ordered by the assembly.
3. If neither the president nor any vice-president is present at a meeting, the secretary – or in the secretary's absence some other member – should call the meeting to order. The assembly should then immediately elect a chairman pro-tem to preside during that meeting.
4. There are two types of ordinary committees – standing committees (which have a continuing existence) and special committees (which go out of existence as soon as they have completed a specified task).
5. The only action that can legally be taken in the absence of a quorum is to fix the time to adjourn, adjourn, recess or take measures to obtain a quorum.
6. A chairman should take special care to make sure that the members always understand the immediate pending business – the exact question to be voted on– the next time a vote is taken. Failure to do so is one of the greatest causes of confusion in meetings.
7. When making an amendment, a motion to insert words must specify the exact place of insertion by naming the word before or after which, or the words between which, the insertion is to be made – whichever will better locate and point out the effect of the change.
8. The body of the minutes should contain a separate paragraph for each subject matter.
9. A withdrawn motion does not appear in the minutes. It is as if the motion had never been made.
10. A rising vote or show of hands should be taken for all motions requiring a two-thirds vote. A voice vote cannot accurately determine a two-thirds vote.

Information from *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised*
Texas District LWML Fall 2009, Rosanne Capdeville

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Cancelled Stamps for Tubfrim Mission Project:

President Carrie shares this information:

I received a message from our friends in Cody who have taken on the job of the TUBFRIM stamp project in the district. They check all the stamps we send them, trim if necessary, then send them on their way. They were excited to receive so many stamps from our convention, but found many that could not be used. Some stamps were metered, some were cut along the perforations and some had the perforation cut through. They said, "This broke our hearts because of all the time and work the ladies around the district had done."

I would like to remind everyone of the guidelines for collecting the stamps.

1. CANCELLED stamps ONLY
2. When tearing or cutting around the cancelled stamps, a quarter inch border must remain around the stamp
3. Cancelled stamps that have any kind of a tear cannot be used.
4. The cancelled stamp perforation must be intact.
5. Metered stamps are not of use for this project.

Did you know that there is a website you can refer to if you want additional information about TUBFRIM? I found it by searching for TUBFRIM, but the actual address is <http://www.tubfrim.no/englmain.html>

Here is a brief history I found on the website for your information. Keep collecting those stamps!

Postmaster Ditlef Frantzen in Nesbyen established TUBFRIM in 1928. The aim was to collect and sell used stamps and use the proceeds to aid the eradication of tuberculosis among Norwegian children. The first profit was made in 1929 and amounted to NOK 1.500,-. Profits varied in the following years from NOK 8.000,- in 1940 to NOK 25.000,- in 1947. TUBFRIM has made good progress since from then and profits in 1970 were NOK 150.000,- growing to NOK 650.000,- in 2009.

TUBFRIM is owned by the Norwegian Health Association (Nasjonalforeningen for folkehelsen). Today the profits are used to help handicapped children and youth in Norway, and to finance the efforts to eradicate tuberculosis.

Editor's Note: Please email your articles and photos for the next edition (January-February Winter) to Christina Counselor, Newsletter Editor, at WYDistNewsEditor@gmail.com by Jan. 25, 2011.