



Wyoming District LWML Spiritual Resource Newsletter Summer 2011



From the President--

Dear fellow believers;

It is spring, though waking up to snow many mornings in the last week one would hardly know it. But in spite of the harsh weather there are many signs of spring wherever you look. God has provided us with many young animals in the fields near our home, as well as all sorts of plant life awakening from winter's rest. Occasionally the temperatures warm and as the days go by, we will continue to warm up. My school students are getting more and more excited that the school year is almost over. I think we all look forward to the freedom that summer provides us. No matter what the weather or the time of year, God constantly provides us with freedom in Christ as his precious children. Romans 8:18, 21 says, "*I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us...The creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.*" That freedom is far superior to anything we can experience in this world.

I am truly looking forward to attending the LWML convention in Peoria Illinois. I encourage each of you to read your spring *Quarterly* highlighting the candidates for national offices, and let your zone delegate know of your preferences so they can represent you well as they cast their ballots for you. There are some changes proposed in the bylaws affecting the names of Human Care and Servant resources committees. It is proposed to change Human Care to *Intentional Ministries* and Servant Resources to *Organizational Resources*. If you have an opinion about either of these changes again please communicate with your delegate so they can represent you more effectively. Also please pray that the mission grants selected will all be God pleasing efforts. Remember to generously and prayerfully fill your mite box, as that is the only way these grants are paid.

Our Zone delegates and alternates--

Chimney Rock Zone: Bobbie Hoppman;

Pine Ridge Zone: Barb Schear;

Powder River Zone: Joan Anderson,
alternate Shirley Mortenson;

Yellowstone Zone: Suzie Landis,
alternate Barb Atkinson;

Headwaters Zone: Nancy Collins,
alternate Eunice Boehlke;

High Plains Zone: Thelma Cornwall,
alternate Linda Lay.

If you would like to reach your delegate and do not have their contact information please ask your Zone President and she will be able to get you in touch with your delegate.

I am also excited to introduce Bridget Scherbarth as our Young Woman Representative to this convention. She is a member at Immanuel in Alliance, Neb., and attends college at Chadron. We are looking forward to a terrific convention "Being with Jesus, Living on the Edge." Please pray that the work of the convention will be God pleasing and that all the attendees will travel safely there and home again.

In this issue: Reports from your District President, Webmaster, Headwaters Zone, Powder River Zone, Christian Life, Leader Development, Gospel Outreach, and Junior Pastoral Counselor.

**Wyoming LWML District President
Carrie Brumbaugh**

Attend the National Convention in Your Pajamas!

If you are not able to attend the 2011 National LWML Convention in Peoria, Illinois, you will be able to catch up on all the convention 'happenings' via the World Wide Web! Plans are in progress for streaming the convention live via the Internet. This would make it possible for you to participate in convention from the comfort of your home or office. Viewing the convention on your computer will require adequate bandwidth from your Internet provider. If you are unable to view the convention online, or if the video has a number of pauses in it, it is likely that you do not have enough bandwidth to support the live stream. If viewing the convention live is not an option for you, you can check out the daily updates posted on the National LWML website (www.lwml.org) and the LWML Facebook page (www.facebook.com/TheLWML).



Headwaters Zone Report

Our Christian Life Workshop was held on April 30, 2011, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Green River, Wyo., with 23 members and 2 pastors present. Pastor Magruder, our Pastoral Counselor, was the facilitator for our Bible study on the theme, "God's Grace in My Life" based on John 3:16. (What grace is? Growing in grace. Communicating the gospel.) The members discussed the message in small groups, as to what it meant for them in their lives.

We were served appetizers when we arrived by the Rock Springs Leaguers, and at noon we enjoyed a delicious lunch served by the Green River ladies.

Our Fall Rally will be held Sept. 24, 2011, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jackson, Wyo. Pastor Magruder will be the speaker telling of the Synod's program called "Barnabas Project" under the theme "Barnabas the Encourager" based on Acts 4:36 and 11:22-24.

Since the rally will be in Jackson, we decided to have an afternoon and evening event instead of the usual morning and afternoon. For supper and entertainment we plan to attend the Bar J Wranglers show at their ranch. Our Retreat Bible Study will take place after the rally. The Bible study is titled "Shared Mission as Royal Priests of God." It will be presented by our Leader Development chairman. The ingathering for the rally will benefit the Wyoming Coalition Against Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault in Jackson. We received a list of items needed and instructions for packaging them.

Nancy Collins of Jackson will be our Zone delegate to the national convention in June. Our president is the alternate.

Serving the Lord with gladness!

Eunice Boehlke
Headwaters Zone President



Powder River Zone Report

On April 24, 2010 we met at Prince of Peace, Buffalo, Wyo. We had 17 in attendance on a beautiful spring day.

Pastor Peters led our morning devotion on Psalms 51, and then led the Bible study "The Word." With only 10 questions, we were sure we would finish the study, but since we had a wonderful discussion on many points, we didn't get through all of them.

Our business meeting began after a delicious lunch prepared by the Buffalo ladies. Shari Bothwell, Human Care, had boxes of emergency kit bags to be filled and then passed out to the elderly, shut-ins, and college kids. Each society took as many as they wanted to use in their congregations. Shirley Mortensen, Christian Life, used a skit "What is Easter All About." Many laughs were shared during the skit.

Debbie Lee, Leader Development, had a sketch of "Prayer Vitamins" that took us to the Word. Treasurer's Report given by Gerry Mass showed a balance on hand of \$613.91. Information and requests for in-gatherings for the Convention in Gering was shared. An ingathering for the Community Food Bank in Buffalo was taken with many carts of food and \$230.

Our schedule for future workshops and rallies is:

Fall 2010: Mt. Calvary, Sundance

Spring 2011: Mt. Hope, Casper

Fall 2011: Trinity, Gillette

Spring 2012: Trinity, Casper

Fall 2012: Bethlehem, Moorcroft

Fall Rally held at Mt. Calvary, Sundance, Wyo., was attended by 10 ladies and one pastor. Opening devotion and Bible study was given by Pastor Simonson. During the business meeting, society reports were given. All societies are busy doing God's work in their own congregations and towns.

Elections were held with offices filled as follows: Joan Anderson – President, Debbie Lee – Treasurer, Carol Speidel - Vice President. Joey Brecht will remain Treasurer; Shirley Mortensen, Christian Life; Shari Bothwell, Human Care; Debbie Lee, Leader Development.

Free will offering was taken for Pine Ridge Zone was \$45.00. A report on the convention in Gering was given by Debbie Lee and Joan Anderson. It was announced that Powell will host the Wyoming LWML District Convention in 2012.

Joan Anderson
Powder River Zone President

Submit Grant Proposals for next Biennium

Start now to determine your grant proposals for the next convention. Our VP of Gospel Outreach, Connie Cordes, informs us that new grant proposals will be collected this fall with the deadline being Dec, 31, 2011. All forms are available on the LWML Website, both National and Wyoming District LWML. Additional forms will be mailed in August. There is also a link on the Wyoming District Website.

Gospel Outreach

Serve the Lord with Gladness!

2010-2012

Wyoming District LWML Mission Grants

1. Orphan Grain Train, Rocky Mountain Division		\$3,500
*PAID		
2. Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Food Co-op	\$5,000	
*PAID		
3. LCMS Joint Seminary Fund		\$2,500
*PAID		
4. Trinity/HOPE-Haiti Lutheran School		\$5,000
*PAID		
5. Wyoming District-LCMS Evangelism Committee		\$3,000
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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	

Updates on grants—

I would like to share some information on two of our grants for the 2010-2012 biennium. The first half of the grant #5, “Tell the Good News Convocation,” has been paid and we will pay the rest in the fall. Funds are available to pay the next grant #6, “Training Pastors for Gospel Outreach in Africa.”

“Tell the Good News Convocation”

Our 5th grant goes to the Wyoming District Evangelism Committee to help finance the Convocation. Since 2002, the Wyoming District-LCMS has been educating and equipping the members of the district with evangelism topics, witnessing opportunities, and encouragement to “tell the good news” in love, and share their faith of this great Gospel we have in Jesus Christ!

It has been wonderful to be just a small part of the convocation as it grows in numbers and opportunities to be trained to spread the gospel. It is not easy to plan and organize these convocations. The great speakers with great topics, the cost of travel, hotel, meals and incidentals add up in costs to about \$14,000. The committee strives to keep the cost low in hopes it will entice people to come and the LWML contributes \$1,500 each year.

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“Training Pastors for Gospel Outreach in Africa”

Sixth on the list of our 2010-2012 grants helps the Fluegge family serve God as missionaries in Africa. The Fluegges are now responsible for raising 100% of the support for the pastoral training ministry they are doing there. Funds we send to the tune of \$5,000 will be used to support pastoral training expenses such as travel to work with partner Lutheran churches in such places as Burundi, Eastern Congo, Togo and more. The project’s mission is to work with partner Lutheran churches throughout French-speaking and English-speaking Africa to train African pastors for Gospel outreach in Africa. Often these areas are difficult for an American missionary, or simply impossible to work and live (such as rural areas of Guinea, Togo, Burkina Faso, Congo and in war-torn countries such as Ivory Coast, Guinea, Liberia, and Democratic Republic of Congo).

**Connie Cordes
VP Gospel Outreach**

Wyoming District

Lutheran Women’s Missionary League

Scholarships

The Wyoming District Lutheran Women’s Missionary League has selected two recipients who will each receive \$3,300 for the 2011-2012 school year.

They are:

Nathan Neugebauer of Gering , Neb., who will be a sophomore at Concordia Seminary - Ft. Wayne, Ind., preparing to be a pastor.

Tyrel Bramwell of Rock Springs, Wyo., who will be a sophomore at Concordia Seminary - Ft. Wayne, Ind., preparing to be a pastor.

In addition, Carol Nemec of Ft. Washakie, Wyo., completing her Deaconess degree at Concordia Seminary - Ft. Wayne, Ind., will receive interest monies from the Bangert Memorial Fund and the LeOra Pitsch Memorial fund accumulated from the 4th and 1st quarters of 2011.

From our Pastoral Counselor--

BE A PART OF THE STORY

As humans we appreciate being able to talk about ourselves. If we are older, we go back to our glory days recalling the funny, gutsy activities in which we engaged, often times seeking to 'one-up' what someone else had just said they had done. If we are younger, we feel compelled to tell what we would do when a particular situation presents itself. We want to be in the story and reveal the unique qualities and strengths which we know we possess and about which we want everyone to hear.

As we look to the account of our Lord Jesus Christ, His story, there too we want to be a part of it. Our Lord invites us into the story. The issue is in this story we dare not be the main character. Our holy God; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, can be the only main character. When we would seek to put ourselves forth as the main character, then we get ourselves into trouble.

Jesus expresses this very idea with the words "*If anyone would come after me, let Him deny himself and take up His cross and follow me.*" Matthew 16:24. In that short verse we are told our role. We are to follow Jesus. Jesus is the main character and we the supporting cast at best. That notion is further brought to the fore with the words "deny himself." That denying of oneself is pretty hard when one would desire to be the main character, the one to whom everyone else is looking and listening. There just isn't much denying of one's self when that one is doing the talking and seeking the attention of others.

However, our Lord Jesus certainly does want people to be a part of the story. How does Jesus accomplish the feat of having us in the story without having us be center stage? Jesus tells us He is the one who calls, gathers and enlightens. He tells us that He has done the necessary work of our salvation, that He has paid the price in full by His death on the cross. He tells us He is the one who has healed our wounds and carried our sorrows. Jesus tells us that faith itself is His work in His people. As St. Paul writes, "*faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God*" (Romans 10:17) and "*you have been saved through faith ... It is the gift of God, not a result of works*" (Ephesians 2:8,9). All of this together is to say to you that Jesus is center stage in the whole of the faith. You, dear believer, are called to be a disciple, a witness, not the main character.

For the problem is when man seeks to be center stage the story loses its importance, it's saving power, for it loses Christ. When the focus is on man and what man must do, what is lost is what Christ Jesus has done! Now there, indeed, you can see the dangerous ground we are on. For what is your faith without Jesus Christ? It becomes just another moralistic teaching among so many others out there. Or, as we Lutherans are prone to say, it places you back under the law, a law we cannot keep, a law that ultimately would condemn us.

No, we are in the glorious position of being the supporting cast who are carried in the story by the Lord Jesus Christ. We are His disciples, His witnesses; that is how we become a part of His story. For as His witnesses we hear from Holy Scripture and recount what He has done. We hear of how He, Jesus, mightily worked to save us. How from the moment of creation it was promised that this Jesus would come and crush our mortal enemy, Satan. We hear that Jesus is pointed to in the person of Moses, in the sacrifices of the Old Testament, in King David, foreseen in death by the prophet Isaiah, foreshadowing His death and resurrection by Jonah in the belly of the great fish. And on it goes. All of this is to say Jesus is not simply the main character of Scripture; He is the main character of all of world history. We find our purpose, our role in our time of life on earth by being united with Jesus and being found in His story. There we are saved, there we are at peace, there we have future glory, safety and security. There is no better supporting role in any story!

**God Be with You,
Pastor Mark J. Maas
Junior Pastoral Counselor**

How Is Your Leadership Style like Cereal?

When I knew that I had to come up with an article for the newsletter, I started looking through some of my “stuff” in several files. I found this particular article, by an unknown writer, which tells about different leadership styles, so here it is:



Are you a **Rice Krispie** leader? Do you have that certain snap, crackle, and pop that motivates others through your obvious excitement?

Or are you a **Cream of Wheat** leader? Does your organization feel comfortable under your slow, smooth, warm style of leadership?

Are you a **Puffed Wheat** leader who always comes across as if just shot from a cannon?

Are you a **Honey Nut Cheerios** leader? Sweet, a little nutty, and packaged with **Go** power?

How about **Bran Flakes**? Crisp and crunchy in front of a group, but when put under deadlines or questioning, you immediately go limp?

A good leader needs to recognize her own values and style of leadership before interacting with others. The good leader needs to know the source of her actions before she can enable people to do all they can do and be all they can be.

Christ says, *“I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly—in fullest measure.”* Christ is indeed the source for living in the fullest measure. Christ equips up to reach our full potential in living and leading.

May He help each of us reach our full potential in planning the District Convention in Powell, Wyo., on June 21-23rd, 2012!

We are looking forward to all of you coming to the “All American City” in 2012!

Plan to spend some time going to Yellowstone National Park, only 70 miles away! Cody, Wyo., is only 25 miles away and has some awesome stuff to do there, too. We are a quiet little town, but we have some fun stuff to do around here, too.

I would ask that when you have your rallies and workshops, to take a head count of how many plan to come to the convention in 2012 and keep Carrie informed at our Board of Directors meeting in October. I will have pamphlets to hand out at that time with information of things to do around the area.

Leaning on Him and His Blessings,
Linda Fischer
 Leader Development/HOPE Committee Chairperson

Christian Life Report



Thank you, thank you. Lori Lewis for taking the Wyoming District display to Peoria! And, a big thank you for bringing it back – we'll use it again in Powell at the 2012 District Convention.

Check out these new store items on LWML.org.:

LWML COLOR CHANGING STADIUM CUP--17 oz. mood stadium cup changes colors with ice cold liquids (from frost to purple). LWML logo on both sides, durable plastic.

THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS MUSTARD SEED--Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany devotions illustrated with nativity scenes from around the world remind us that Christ came for all.

JOYFUL, JOYFUL MUSTARD SEED--Familiar hymns are the basis for Christ-centered devotions and prayers.

RELIGIOUS BEADED CHARM BRACELET--This beautiful bracelet showcases silver tone religious beads amid purple beads. Beads include: "faith," the Bible, Jesus fish dangle, cross dangle, shell for baptism, and grapes for communion. Includes extender chain for a perfect fit.

RELIGIOUS SILICONE RINGS--Set of 20 silicone rings in inspirational shapes. Give as gifts to help children remember & witness. Use as give-aways during children's messages, gatherings, or promote LWML Sunday.

SMALL AND LARGE FLORAL GIFT BAGS--Now available in 2 sizes. Bags are imprinted with LWML logo and "Lutheran Women in Mission". 8" X 10-1/2".

Wow! I can't wait to place an order for the 2012 District Convention. Start your wish list!

Prayers for safe travel and a wonderful convention for those going to Peoria!

**Serving joyfully,
Danyne Six, VP of Christian Life**

For next edition:

The next issue of Wyoming Spiritual Resource Newsletter, the Fall edition, is scheduled to be sent out in early October, 2011. Please send any items you want to include to Christina Counselor, Newsletter Editor at WYDistNewsEditor@gmail.com by Sept. 26.