

Wyoming Spiritual Newsletter Summer 2012



Wyoming District LWML

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President's Message—



Dear friends in Christ:

As we begin the month of June we look toward our District Convention with great anticipation! If you have not registered yet, it is NOT TOO LATE! Please join us in Powell as we discover “God’s Grace through Faith and not of yourselves!” *Eph 2:8-9*. These verses in Ephesians have so much to say to us, as we will find in our Bible studies. Rev Allen Strawn and Rev Larry Miller have studies planned for us, so we will dig in and learn together. We will also hear from Rev. Richard O. Boche, President of the Wyoming District, as

Proclaimer at the opening worship service

The servant event for Thursday afternoon is planned and we have been blessed with so many t-shirts that we have to ask you not to bring any with you. Please come to learn to make the diapers and then go back home to share with your members and make more at home. The need for diapers is great, and Orphan Grain Train is looking forward to the diapers we will send.

Be sure you plan to walk in the Mission Pledge Walk on Saturday morning, and fill those pledge sheets to support the Wyoming District LWML Mission Grants for the 2012-2014 biennium. The walk is set to take place on the beautiful Northwest college campus. Sharing in fellowship with our sisters in Christ as we walk, breathing in the fresh air is my idea of a GREAT way to begin our Saturday together.

Martin Luther, when asked one time what his plans were for the following day, answered: “Work, work, from early until late. In fact, I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer.” So I am asking you to pray, in fact I am requesting more prayers from you until the time of our convention. In particular pray for the convention committee and all proceedings at convention, that all will be done to give God Glory, and bring others to Him. See you in Powell!

**Gladly serving,
Carrie Brumbaugh
Wyoming LWML District President**

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**** REMINDER –Officer Lists Needed ****

If your Society or Zone has elected new officers, please complete a Society or Zone Record Sheet and send them to the following people:

Society Record Sheet:

One copy to your Zone Secretary

One copy to District Secretary to the President: Barbara Coverdale
PO Box 493
Daniel, WY 83115
e-mail: bcoverda@wyoming.com

One copy to Wyoming District President: Carrie Brumbaugh
PO Box 1492
Lyman, WY 82937
e-mail: brumbaughc@bvea.net

Zone Record Sheet:

One copy to both Carrie and Barbara

If you need copies of the forms, please contact Barbara Coverdale at (307) 871-5875.

Thank you!

**Secretary to the President
Barbara Coverdale**



Barb Schaer and Linda Fischer of the Leader Development Committee presented a skit to the District LWML Executive Committee meeting members in April to promote attendance at the Wyoming District LWML Convention in Powell.



*God's Grace Through Faith
and Not of Yourself!
Ephesians 2:8-9*

Registrations Coming In; LWML Store Update

How exciting . . . the long-awaited District Convention will be here before we know it! All of us Yellowstone Zoners (is that a real word?) can't wait to welcome everyone to Powell, Wyoming!

As registration chair, I could, at this point in time, be concerned about the number of registrations, or lack thereof. However, I do know this IS the Lord's Convention and He will send the perfect number to enjoy each other and also do His work!

The LWML store is ready (exaggeration, but it will be ready) and a big thank you is in order to all who took advantage of the "Pre-Orders" and free shipping! A 10% "Convention Discount" form will be available to those wishing they had, but didn't, and this will last until July 21, 2012.

Blessings to all who will be travelling to Powell and major prayers for others who are "considering" it but haven't taken the leap to send in their registration forms. Last minute registrations will be cheerfully accepted!

**Vice President of Christian Life
Danyne Six**



Thirsty?--Shown are "neighborly" Mr. Rogers (Pastor Strawn) and a very thirsty Carrie Brumbaugh trying to get him to share some water. They were performing a skit promoting the 2013 Convention in Pittsburgh, Penn., which has the theme "Quenched by the Water."



HEADWATERS ZONE NEWS

Our Christian Life Workshop was held on May 5, 2012, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Riverton. The theme was “Praying the Lord’s Prayer with New Insights.” Pastor Vernon Boehlke was the facilitator. There were 32 people in attendance. The Lander Society brought the snacks and the Riverton Society treated us to a delicious lunch.

Our Rally and retreat will be held in Pinedale, Wyo., on Sept. 22. The retreat will begin on Sept. 21 at 5:00 p.m. with the Rally following the next day. Our Leader Development Chairman, Karen Lininger, will present session four of Heirs Together of God’s Gracious Gift of Life: Christian Men and Women Serving Together in God’s World.

Our speaker for the Rally will be Bruce Grover of the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. The ingathering will be presented to the Ranch.

We are looking forward to the LWML District Convention in Powell. We have a good group going from our Zone.

**Headwaters Zone President
Eunice Boehlke**

A note from me to you ~

As my term draws to a close, I just wanted to thank all of you LWMLers out there that have supported me these past **F**our years(ish) as **I** have served as your Wyoming District LWML Financial Secretary. I have **N**ever received so much money in the mail!! ☺ I am sure my Postmaster will miss sorting **A**ll of your vouchers i**N**to my mail slot. I enjoyed putting fa**C**es to the signatures when **I** would see you **A**t several **L**WML conventions and meetings.

I will continue to receive and deposit your remittance**S** until the transition of offic**E** occurs between the newly ele**C**ted Financial Secretary, be it Thelma Cornwall or Brenda Ellis, and myself, which will be sometime afte**R** our District Convention in Jun**E**.

It has **T**ruly been a joy to serve our Lord in this way. I thank Him for giving me the courage to **A**ccept this challenge. It has been quite an education fo**R** me as to the workings of the Wyoming District LWML.

God willing, we’ll see **Y**ou in Powell at the Convention.

**In His Service and yours,
Financial Secretary, Jeanette Stahl**

From Our Pastoral Counselor—**THE CHRIST WHO IS IN YOU!**

“But since Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.”
Romans 8:10

There is an amazing reality you as a believer live in each day. That reality is that Christ is in you! Think of it; Christ is in you now, by His grace through faith. Amazing!

How did this reality come about? What made this reality so? When did this reality take place?

At the upcoming Wyoming District LWML Convention an understanding of these questions will continue to unfold. Here we are gazing into the wondrous work of God on our behalf. Here in these questions concerning Romans 8:10 we see the reality of our conversion.

The ability to dwell in this new reality has been given to you by God. You did not discover or come to this reality by personal decision, you did not bring about this new reality, you did not bring Christ into your life. This has all come to you by the work of God!

The reason it is God's work is because of what St. Paul writes here, “the body is dead because of sin.” The words of C.S. Lewis come to mind in this regard-- “dead men make no decisions.” So, in this area of conversion, of Christ in you, Christ Himself brought it about for you. Christ, through His means of Word and Sacrament, brought about His dwelling in you. Yes, the body is yet dead because of sin, the body wears and deteriorates, it will pass through death, but you are alive--the Spirit has made you alive. Christ is living in you so that even when the body is placed in the ground you yet live. And you then await the resurrection of the flesh when body and soul will be reunited. Sinner yet saint, dead yet alive, sinful nature battling the new man, sin afflicting you while Christ in you, is your reality. A reality that does not defeat you or drive you to despair because Christ is indeed in you! Christ has defeated the enemies that assail you and you, through faith under the Spirit's work, are alive and living each day.

This became your reality in the waters of Holy Baptism where God did His amazing and wonderful work. This remains your reality as you receive the Lord's Supper and hear the Word. These means continue to tell you that the battle is on but you are on the team that has won. You are standing in the victors' train. Life eternal is your reality! God has worked it for you!

And why this is so vitally important to understand is because of the reality that is around you. Those present realities being the world with its temptations and struggles, the threat of Satan, the struggle of the sinful nature. If it were truly all your work, your decision, your effort, your invitation, your seeking, you would never get to God. Thankfully, it is God who saw your condition and came to you. Your conversion, you having Christ dwell in you, you having life, is God's work. In that is amazing comfort and hope. Because while you at times may feel as if God is distant, His promised dwelling says it can't be so and God works that dwelling. Those times when you may question whether you are truly alive in Christ, the Spirit of God says you must be alive because that is God's work in you. True, you may not feel it to be so, but believer, it's not about your feeling-- it's about God's work, and God has said this is your reality. In God's work you can rest. For if it is about what you must do, then truly there is reason to doubt for a dead man can't do much work. But since it is about what God has claimed your reality to be--what God has worked-- then you can be at peace. God wants you, desires you to be at peace; He has worked it to be so. You can rest in His work for the promise is yours, Christ is in you! Amen.

Rev. Mark Maas,

Junior Pastoral Counselor



Gospel Outreach

By Connie Cordes

Following is a list of the Grant Proposals for this convention, in the order received.

Delegates will vote for four, and we have an increased budget of \$36,000

Wyoming District Grant Proposals for the Biennium 2012-2014

1. Pastoral education Sierra Leone	\$4,200
2. Trinity/HOPE-Lutheran Schools in Haiti-noon meal for 1 school	\$5,000
3. Humanitarian Work in Asia for Persephone James	\$5,000
4. Hands of Mercy Poultry Project, South Sudan	\$3,000
5. Wyoming District Lutheran School Teachers' Conference	\$3,500
6. Handicap Institutional Reform in Kazakhstan	\$4,000
7. Training future pastors in Uganda	\$4,000
8. 1001 Orphans-Kenya	\$2,000
9. Wyoming District -4 Lutheran Schools-materials	\$2,000
10. Educational Materials for students/teachers-Lutheran School-Bangladesh	\$4,000
11. Tell the Good News about Jesus Convocation	\$3,000
12. Concordia Theological seminary, Fort Wayne-Food Coop	\$5,000
13. Lutheran Blind Mission: Lutheran Service Book in Braille	\$4,000
14. Wyoming District Lutheran School Scholarship Support	\$4,000
15. Wind River Lutheran Mission Outreach	\$1,000
16. Computers for Bible Translators	\$5,600

It's not too late...

...to register and bring a **Young Woman Representative** to the District Convention in Powell, Wyo., June 21-23. It will be an unforgettable experience full of friends, fellowship, & fun!
Email Jennifer Scheel at smileyscheel@hotmail.com with any questions.



Join us for
The 21st Biennial Wyoming District
Lutheran Women's Missionary League
2012 Convention
June 21 – 23, at Powell, Wyoming,
Hosted by the Yellowstone Zone

For the next edition: The next issue of Wyoming Spiritual Resource Newsletter, the Fall edition, will be compiled in September, after the District Convention. Information about where to send news items will be emailed to you after a new editor is appointed for the next four-year term. Thanks to all of you for your great response to requests for articles during the past four years.

**Your fellow servant in Christ,
Christina Counselor, Editor**