



Wyoming District LWML

Spiritual Resource Newsletter

Winter 2011



President's Message—

A Blessed New Year to you dear sisters in Christ as we welcome 2011! We greet the New Year with excitement and anticipation of the wonders God has in store for us each day!

I recently received a phone call from Linda Arnold; you will remember, she was the representative from LWML at our Gering convention. As we visited on the phone, she passed along President Jan's concern for this biennium's mite goal. As of December 31, 2010, we have received \$1,363,152. That is a wonderful amount of mites! However, we still need to receive \$461,847 before March 31 in order to meet the Mission Goal adopted in 2009. Please help to finish this goal by making an extra effort to send all mites in before the end of March. Societies need to send their mites to our Financial Secretary Jeanette Stahl. Consider having a special collection before the end of March to help with the push to complete this goal. We are calling this the "Mite Marathon, the Race to the Finish" and each dollar along the way helps us get closer to the goal. If you would like to make an individual extra contribution you can do that through the LWML website.

Did you realize that LWML is on Facebook? If you do not have a Facebook account you can still follow the action by clicking on the FB tab on the LWML homepage. You can also receive daily Mustard Seed devotions sent to your email, by following the links on that page. This is a wonderful way to begin your day in God's word!

Your Executive Committee has selected the theme for our next Wyoming LWML District convention. It is Ephesians 2:8-9, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- not by works, so that no one can boast." We look forward to planning a wonderful convention around these beautiful verses!

In this issue:

President Carrie Brumbaugh,
Treasurer Jan Vogelsang, Senior
Counselor Pastor Strawn, VP
Gospel Outreach Connie Cordes,
VP Human Care Terri Denniston,
Webmaster Lori Lewis, Chimney
Rock Zone-Donna Reker, Pine
Ridge Zone-Barb Schaer, Bus and
YWR forms.

I share these words from one of my favorite hymns, as my prayer for you through this year, walking as a child of God!

*Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life's way; Direct, protect,
and feed me from day to day.*

*Without Your grace and favor I go astray; So take my hand, O
Savior, and lead the way.*

Carrie Brumbaugh

Wyoming LWML District President



WYOMING DISTRICT LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE SCHOLARSHIPS

Six (6) scholarships for the 2011-2012 school year will be awarded to students who are residents of the Wyoming District Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and will be attending a Lutheran school studying for full-time church work.

The amount of each scholarship is \$1,100, which will be equally divided between the first and second semesters. Two alternates will be chosen as recipients in case one of the original recipients becomes ineligible.

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS MARCH 31, 2011

To obtain an application form, please write to:

Terri Denniston, Wyoming District LWML, VP of Human Care

150 Aspen Circle, Torrington WY 82240

(307) 532 0113 or email: VPHumanCare@gmail.com



Gospel Outreach

Here are some simple and fun suggestions to inspire your joyful MITE giving

Counting Your Blessings: contribute an amount for:

Years of your life, or years of marriage, Number of children or grandchildren, How long you have been employed or retired

Round it up for LWML: Help 'change' the world! Whenever you are out shopping, or at home paying a bill, 'round up' the change to the next dollar. At the end of the month, donate the amount that you have collected to LWML mites.

Buy LWML a cup of coffee: How many of us would not buy our friend a cup of coffee as an act of kindness? Why not commit the amount of 'buying LWML a cup of coffee' for a week, a month or a year and send it to support the LWML grants?

What's in your closet? This is your chance to take inventory of your closet! You are encouraged to count all the shoes, handbags or purple items, ties and suits in your closet. Determine an amount to give per item of choice.

Thrivent Choice: Eligible Thrivent members who have Choice Dollars, based on insurance premiums, contract values and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership, may direct their Choice Dollars to LWML, by selecting "International Lutheran Women's Missionary League". Go to www.thrivent.com or call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and state Thrivent Choice."

INFORMATION ON SELECTED GRANTS

Following is a reminder of what our grants numbers 3 and 4 are for 2010-2012:

3. LCMS Joint Seminary Assistance Matching Grant \$2,500

The LCMS Joint Seminary Fund was developed to provide tuition assistance to seminary students preparing for the pastoral ministry. This grant will be matched 1:1 by the LCMS Joint Seminary fund through the generous gifts of other donors and distributed to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne. The final amount to be distributed to our seminaries will be \$5,000.

4. Trinity/HOPE – Haiti Lutheran Schools \$5,000

This grant would partner with Trinity/HOPE and the local people to feed an average school of 100 children. It will nourish their bodies and enhance their ability to learn about Christ. These children and families are coming to faith in response to the Word and its witness faster than any other population segments.

*Update on schools: Some children check the kitchen upon arriving to make sure food is being prepared. Classes are held, prayers said, hands are washed and then the blessing.

After the earthquake Cholera came to Haiti. God blessed the Lutheran Schools for not one was affected. It's because we teach them to clean their hands before eating.

Serve the Lord with Gladness!

Connie Cordes, VP of Gospel Outreach

A New Year, A New Look

For many people, the start of a new year is an opportunity to improve physical, mental, and spiritual health. Just as we implement activities and behaviors that give us a fresh look or attitude, the Wyoming District LC-MS is revitalizing its website. Planning is underway to update and revamp the district's site during 2011.

You can still access the LWML District website via the Wyoming District LC-MS home page by following these steps:

1. Go to <http://wy.lcms.org/>
2. Click Links
3. Click District LWML

Lori J. Lewis
Wyoming District LWML Webmaster



A Month Known for Love

February is often called the “Month of Love” since Valentine’s Day is always celebrated on February 14th. Oftentimes it is the one month when flowers, cards, and candy are given to your spouse, irrespective of how you are currently feeling for them. Romance (at least for a day) becomes the one focus.

An estimated ONE BILLION cards are sent on or around February 14th making it the second largest greeting card holiday (second only to Christmas.)

There is much speculation as to who this festival is named after since there have been three St. Valentines. The only thing the three have in common is that they were all killed for their faith.

St. Valentine’s Day has had its place set in history, on February 14th, since around 498 A.D. 1500 years later we continue to celebrate the love that one or all of these St. Valentines shared. One legend has St. Valentine sending the first Valentine letter to one whom he loved as he sat in prison.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8 defines in no uncertain terms what love is: *Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.*

Without a doubt, with this kind of definition, love is difficult. So much more than a simple emotion, this kind of love serves only others. It is the kind of love that we model to one another, especially our spouses. But our modeling is only an imperfect image of the most perfect love that our Savior, Jesus gave to us.

He sent us a Valentine as well; a letter of love in the Word made flesh, Jesus. Without the Word made flesh being made known to us through the written pages of Holy Scripture, we would know very little of God’s love for us in His only Son, Jesus. By the Word (Jesus) in His Letter of Love (the Bible) we read, in the same way that we read in a Valentine card, how He continues to love and care for us. His love is eternal. And God continues to make it known to us in the greatest letter of love in history!

While our gifts of flowers and candy may hope to win us a romantic evening with our spouse, the Savior’s gift of His life gained Him nothing, but gave us eternity.

Rev. Allen Strawn

WY District LWML Senior Counselor

Note from the Treasurer— Memorial Funds Received

We heard from the family of Alex and Leora Pitsch in December, and they have sent a check for \$500 to add to the current Pitsch fund money. The interest on this fund is used for scholarships for students studying for full-time church work.

We also received a check from Mary Beth Heidemann Estate for \$33,090.38. This is a quote from the letter we received with the check, “Her Thrivent account had a payable-on-death designation to the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod with 10% to be used for the LCMS Wyoming District LWML Scholarship fund (interest only for church worker scholarships).”

We have also added \$100 to the Steward Account in memory of Bernice Craft. We would like to thank all these people for their generosity and praise the Lord for the work their donations will do for the spreading of the Gospel in this world. It is a great example of how our Lord works through us to make disciples of all nations.

Jan Vogelsang

District Treasurer



Pine Ridge Zone 2010 Report

Spring Workshop was held on Saturday April 17, 2010, in Hay Springs with approximately 30 members in attendance. Pastor Wittrock had the opening devotions, Pastor Bertram of Chadron led a Bible study on Naomi, mother-in-law of Ruth, and Pastor Humphrey of Morrill led the Bible study on Deborah, the judge. The Alliance ladies had the mixer and Charlotte played for singing. The Morrill ladies presented a skit/devotion on “The Ladies of the Bible.” The ladies all brought salads for the salad bar luncheon.

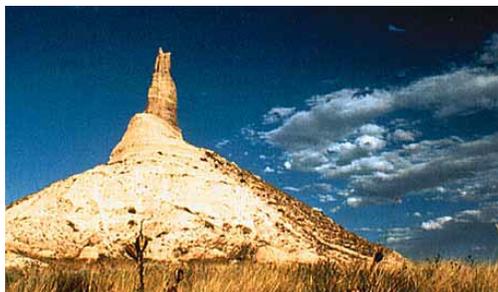
Fall Retreat was held on Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010, in Alliance. There were 38 members, three guests and five pastors present. Pastor Humphrey led our opening Bible study with an article called “Sinners who know they are Saints.” Pastor Jeffrey Grams from St. John’s Scottsbluff was the speaker for the afternoon and gave a presentation on his visit to Israel in 2009. LWML President Carrie Brumbaugh attended the meeting and gave her report. She encouraged us to be “Be With Jesus – Living on the Edge” and to attend the National LWML Convention in Peoria in June 2011.

Election for President and Treasurer resulted in Barbara Schaer serving another term as President and Charlotte Herrell serving another term as treasurer. Our Fall Rally will be held at Alliance, which is the central location for the zone. The societies will take turns hosting the rally. A monetary ingathering was taken and presented to Pastors Grams for his upcoming mission trip to Sierra Leone. Zone counselor, Pastor Sorenson, installed the officers. The Morrill ladies were the hostesses for the day and served a delicious supper.

The Spring Workshop will be held in Torrington on Saturday, March 5, 2011. Pastor Humphrey will have the opening devotions. The Bible studies will follow the national convention theme “Living on the Edge”. Our retreat will be put on hold for this next year; however, Chimney Rock Zone will be consulted with to see if we can combine the event.

Plans for the Fall Rally will be made following the Spring Workshop in March.

Barbara Schaer
Pine Ridge Zone President



Chimney Rock Zone Report

The Christian Life Spring Workshop was hosted by the Zion, Chappell LWML on April 25, 2010. Pastor Ted Bourret, Zone Counselor, led the Bible Studies, using "Why Do We Exist?" as the theme. Final details and information for the convention were discussed. The ingathering for the day was Quarters for Haiti, which congregations, Sunday Schools and members of LWML collected. The project brought in \$1,150.

On a beautiful weekend in June, the Chimney Rock Zone hosted the District Convention in Gering. There was a lot of work involved, but the success of the convention made it a rewarding experience for all in attendance.

Our Fall Rally was hosted by the LWML of Mount Calvary, Bayard, NE on Oct. 17, 2010. The theme was "Grace, Faith, Peace, Joy and Hope" with Pastor Ted Bourret leading the Bible Study. We were privileged to have Wyoming District LWML President Carrie Brumbaugh give her president's report in person. The results of the election were President, Donna Reker of Trinity, Sidney; and Treasurer, Charlene Sauder of Zion, Chappell.

The highlight of the day was the informative presentation by Rev Jeffrey Grams on his trip to Israel. After learning of Pastor Grams trip to Sierra Leone to teach other pastors there, it was decided to put the offering (\$240) towards his trip. The ingathering was a collection of many items to assist the mentally challenged living at the Cirrus House in Scottsbluff, Neb.

Donna Reker,

Chimney Rock Zone President

LWML Convention in Peoria – Peoria, Illinois will be the place to be from June 23-26, 2011, to hear renowned speaker and author Deb Burma, the keynote speaker at the 34th Biennial LWML Convention under the theme **“Being with Jesus – Living on the Edge.”** You will be encouraged as Deb challenges you to “live on the edge” in different ways. While you’re at the convention, check out the Servant Events on Thursday. Quilts and other items to bring for *Gifts from the Heart* can be found when you visit www.lwml.org. Just select convention on the “Favorites slider” for more details.

Next Newsletter:

The next issue of Wyoming District Spiritual Resource Newsletter will be the Summer 2011 edition to be sent in early June. Please send any articles you would like to include to Christina Counselor, Newsletter Editor at WYDistNewsEditor@gmail.com by May 25.



Banner Designs Needed

Each year the District LWML President carries a banner in the LWML convention processional. A design for the banner will be selected at the Board of Directors meeting on Feb. 12, 2011, in Casper, Wyo.

Finished banner size is to be 3' x 5', but added fringe may be longer. District name must be on the front of the banner. You may NOT use the convention logo on your banner, but the design should be based on the convention theme "Being with Jesus - Living on the Edge," Acts 4:13b.

Please submit your design to any member of the District board. You will find their contact information on the LWML link of the Wyoming District LCMS website.

BUS INFORMATION FROM SOUTH DAKOTA LWML DISTRICT PRESIDENT

- The bus registration form with \$50 deposit is due **Feb. 13, 2011** in order for the LWML convention manager to arrange for preferred and early housing for individuals riding the bus. **So please don't wait to reserve your seat on the bus, I know it is early, but it is vital that we know to make our other convention arrangements.**
- A copy of the bus registration form for society members that are planning to ride the bus to Peoria can be found on the SD LWML website.
- Make sure it is the Spearfish departure. The cost of the bus; round trip, from Spearfish will be between \$125 - \$150. This will include transportation to and from the hotel. The entire bus will be assigned to the same hotel in Peoria. Current stops are planned to pick up passengers at Rapid City, Hot Springs corner, Chadron and Kimball, Nebr., and possibly Scottsbluff. We will then continue on I-80. One overnight Wednesday will be needed going and another on the return trip. The overnight motel room is not included in the above cost. None of the hotels are within walking distance of the convention. Please note on the registration form your roommate(s) or if you want a single room.
- Exact time schedules will be announced later for the bus. Arrival time in Peoria will be early Thursday afternoon.

REGISTRATION FOR BUS TO LWML CONVENTION IN PEORIA **DUE FEBRUARY 15TH**.
Registration forms are available from your society president or can be printed from the SD LWML website (sdlwml.org). Make the \$50 deposit check to LWML SD District Black Hills Zone. Send your check and the registration form to this address:

Carol Backens
2420 Westview Drive
Spearfish, SD 57783

or Elaine M. Hankel
11982 Aspen Way
Whitewood, SD 57793

**South Dakota LWML
REGISTRATION FOR MOTORCOACH TRANSPORTATION
To LWML Peoria Convention June 22-26, 2011**

www.sdlwml.org/conventions/peoria

**Registration Form
Part One: Bus**

Please select: *(Departure points and times to be determined)*

Spearfish Bus Depart Spearfish at approximately 6:00 AM

*Round trip rates include shuttle between hotel and convention center in Peoria. Rates are figured for a 57 passenger bus.

Part Two: Peoria Hotel Roommate(s)

None – requesting a single room

I don't have a preference, please assign me:

one roommate three roommates

Rooming with:

1)

2)

3)

Part Three: Deposit and Deadline Information

Deposit of \$50.00 per person due, with this registration, by February 15, 2011.

Please remit monies (payable to: LWML SD District Black Hills Zone) and completed form to:

**Carol Backens
2420 Westview Drive
Spearfish, SD 57783
backens@blackhills.com**

**or Elaine M. Hankel
11982 Aspen Way
Whitewood, SD 57793
emh@rushmore.com**

Part Four: Your Information

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ LWML SOCIETY _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Part Five: Please make a copy for your records before mailing.

Young Wyoming Women Reps Sought to Attend Convention!

Qualifications:

- Any mature young woman who is 18-35 years of age and a member of the LCMS, and has not previously attend a national convention as a Young Woman Representative may apply to be the Wyoming District LWML Young Woman Representative (YWR).
- She shall have a deep love and devotion for her Lord Jesus Christ and is willing to participate in the full scope of the convention.
- She shall be able to be away from home and/or work for the convention and travel time.
- She shall be willing to attend all sessions of the convention, sitting in assigned seating, though she will not be able to vote.
- She shall fill out the attached YWR application completely and honestly, and return it to the Wyoming District LWML Vice Chairman of Young Women by the deadline date, February 10, 2011.
- If selected, she will receive her registration, meals, lodging, and transportation to and from the convention paid by the Wyoming District LWML.

Expectations:

- She shall be asked to give a report of her impressions and account of her experiences from the 2011 Peoria Convention at the Wyoming District LWML Convention in Powell, Wyoming, in June 21-23, 2012.
- She shall commit herself to be active in her LWML society and to encourage other young women to be a part of her excitement.
- She may be invited to attend zone and society functions and be open to take part in the programs upon request.
- She shall be willing to make a 3-year commitment. One year as a member of the Young Women Committee and then two years after the 2012 Wyoming District Convention in Powell, WY as Chairman of Young Women (see the attached Guidelines for Chairman of Young Women).
- Other duties when needed as assigned by the Wyoming District LWML President.

Please contact and send application to:

Jennifer Scheel, Co Chair of Young Women

1654 Jefferson St, Apt 4D

Laramie, WY 82070

307-631-7363 smileyscheel@hotmail.com

Karen Lininger Co Chair of Young Women

216 W Pershing

Riverton, WY 82501

307-851-4773 dtl1973@gmail.com

Wyoming District LWML Young Woman Representative Application

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Occupation: _____ Church: _____

Home Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

- 1) The LWML Motto is "Serve the Lord with gladness." (Psalm 100:2) How do you do this in your life?

- 2) What groups and activities have you been active in at church?

- 3) What is your knowledge of and participation in LWML?

- 4) Why do you desire to be a Wyoming District LWML Young Woman Representative and attend the LWML Convention in Peoria, Illinois , from June 23-26, 2011?

- 5) The convention is an interesting and spiritually inspiring event. It is however a working session of the organization. At times the sessions can be long and the days and evenings packed with events. There is very little free time and it can be tiring. Understanding all of this, can you willingly accept participating in the full scope of the convention?

- 6) What special strengths do you feel God has given you?

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Wyoming District LWML YWR Application

Attachment: GUIDELINES FOR CHAIRMAN OF YOUNG WOMEN

1. For the National Convention, one (1) Young Woman Representative and one (1) alternate from the Wyoming District LWML, shall be selected in odd-numbered years to:
 - a. Attend the National LWML Convention.
 - b. Attend and coordinate the YWR program at the District LWML convention if feasible.
 - c. Speak to societies and zones in the District as requested.
2. Selection of the LWML for the national convention shall be made in the following manner:
 - a. Prepare application forms and guidelines to be mailed to Society Presidents by the first week of December. The Society Presidents shall distribute the application to eligible young women (suggested ages are 22-35, inclusive) in their congregation.
 - b. All applications are returned to the Chairman and must be received by Feb. 1.
 - c. Copies of the synopses of approved applications are made available to voting member
 - d. One young woman shall be chosen by the Board of Directors in the odd-numbered year to be the Young Woman Representative at the National LWML Convention.
 - e. Notify the representative and alternate selected and request a photo.
 - f. Write an article for the next issue of the Spiritual Resource Newsletter publicizing the representative and alternate selected and include a photo of the representative, if possible.
 - g. Inform and thank all other applicants.
 - h. The President communicates with the selected representative about convention information, expectations, etc.
3. For the District Convention each society of the Wyoming district LWML is encouraged to select one or more Young Women representatives. This shall be done in this manner:
 - a. Send a letter to all zone presidents preceding their Spring workshops.
 - b. Write an article for the **Spiritual Resource Newsletter** preceding the District convention drawing attention to the program and encouraging young women to attend.
 - c. Administer the Young Woman Representative program at the District convention.
 - (1) Provide special identification ribbons.
 - (2) Arrange get-acquainted time before the convention convenes.
 - (3) Provide basic pertinent information about LWML.
 - (4) Arrange seating YWR's together at the convention along with the Chairman and assist them with any questions they might have during the convention.