

Wyoming Spiritual Newsletter Winter 2014



Wyoming District LWML Spiritual Resource Newsletter Winter 2014



President's Message—

The season of Lent is coming very soon. I am sharing one of my favorite Lenten hymns with you today. It is In the Cross of Christ I Glory LSB 427.

In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'er take me, hopes deceive, and fears annoy, never shall the cross forsake me; Lo it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming light and love upon my way, from the cross the radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure by the cross are sanctified; peace is there that knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.

This hymn talks of the woes of life, and I recognize that often I am swept up in looking at life in this way. Life on this earth can drag us off, away from focusing on Christ. We get caught doing some self-centered gazing, and need to be reminded of what Jesus has done for us. When I see a cross I am reminded of all that Christ has done for me. Praise God that He gives us that peace and joy that abides through all time.

Our district convention June 12-14 in Casper has as its theme, **Journey to the Cross**. Hebrews 12:2 *"looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the Joy set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God"* ESV. As you travel your own Lenten journey look for the many ways the cross of Christ is woven into the beautiful hymns we sing during this season in the church. May you each be reminded of all that Jesus has done each time you see a cross.

Please make plans now to attend the LWML Wyoming District Convention in Casper June 12-14. We are planning a Servant Event and opening worship at Trinity, in Casper, with the convention meetings to be held at Casper College. Watch for convention information to be coming in this newsletter, on email, and our Wyoming district LWML website, as well as in the mail.

Blessings to each of you as together we Serve the Lord with Gladness!

Carrie Brumbaugh

Wyoming District LWML President



From Our Senior Counselor –

HEBREWS 12:2 “Looking to Jesus the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising its shame and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

What a terrific picture the author of Hebrews gives to us here. Jesus endured the cross. He suffered through the whippings and beatings. He suffered through the mocking and humiliation. He suffered through the ridicule and the being spit upon. Jesus took the blows, the lashes, the cuts, the tears of his flesh, the exposed muscles as the skin was torn from His body by the ruthless and sadistic Roman soldiers. He heard the cries ringing in His ears as His own countrymen called for His death. He is weak carrying His own cross to the mound to which He would be nailed, and he fell under its weight. Brutally beaten and battered, berated and banished by man, He bore our sins nailing them to the cross as He became sin for us.

And why? Why does He endure such treatment? Why does Jesus who is God, who is with the Father in creating this world, die at the hands of His creation? Why does He hang on this instrument of torture? Why does He let life drain from Him and there die?

It's in the words “Who for the joy that was set before Him” That joy was not just to be seated at the right hand of God the Father, though I am sure that was there. No the joy was, is and remains YOU! You are the joy for which Jesus endured the cross and all that He went through. Jesus saw you as the prize which he wanted and desired. You are reason He went through all that he went through on this earth. Jesus wanted and desired you to in heaven with Him. The only way for that desire to be achieved was for Jesus to suffer and die and pay the penalty for your sins at the cross. You are His joy!

Jesus saw that there would be a day when you would join Him in the heavenly kingdom for an eternity, and He said to the Father, “For her I will endure all that is set before me. For her I will take on human flesh. For her I will walk upon the earth not always using my divine power. For her I will stand falsely accused. For her I will be beaten, and not retaliate. For her I will be bruised and not strike back, I will be spit upon, made fun of, tortured. For her I will lay down my life and die.” For you He does this. For you are His joy! You hold a special place in the heart of Jesus and He goes through all of it that you would join Him in heaven at the last. You are His joy!

How do you know this to be true? Because Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit has placed faith in you. At the waters of Baptism God claimed you to be His very own. He made you of the family and graced you with His work. He confirms that in you as continue to hear the Word of God and receive the meal. He reminds you of it every time you hear the words of absolution. Our Lord takes you back to the cross and says, “Behold, see how much I love you!” I did this for you, you are my joy! Come, be with me”.



There is where we rest in the love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who saw you as His joy!

In Christ,
Pastor Mark Maas

VP of Christian Life – Karen Lininger



Wow! I can't believe it is only a few short months until the LWML Wyoming District Convention. Every year things are different from the years past. Because of the facilities we will be using this year I am encouraging everyone to pre-order their items. We will not have a lot of time for people to shop at the LWML store.

Every Zone President has received at least one LWML catalogue for each Society. I encourage the societies to spend some time going over the catalogue and sending in their orders all together. This will save you some money on postage. The order forms in the catalogue may be copied if necessary. Please have each order form folded around the check that matches it. Make checks out to LWML Wyoming District. They must be mailed to me no later than May 1, 2014.

Please send the order forms to Karen Lininger 106 E. Madison Ave., Riverton, WY 82501. If you need more catalogues or have any questions feel free to contact me at dtl1973@gmail.com

I look forward to seeing all of you in Casper this summer and happy shopping!

CHIMNEY ROCK ZONE NEWS

The Chimney Rock Zone and the Pine Ridge Zone held a combined Christian Life Spring Workshop on May 4, 2013 at St John's hosted by St James in Scottsbluff, NE. There were 61 members present with 38 attending from the Chimney Rock Zone. The theme was (PING) "Prepare, Inspire, Nourish, and Go" presented by members of the District Board. The ingathering was the various kits that were collected for the National Convention. Those attending the convention took the kits with them. Irma Walter was our delegate with Evie Miller as alternate to the convention.



St Paul's Sidney, NE hosted the Fall Rally on October 13, 2013 with 48 members including Pastors in attendance. The theme was "Mercy through Grace" with Pastor Larson leading the Bible Study. Irma Walter gave her report on the National Convention in Pittsburg. Our guest speaker was Jim Found. He spoke about his work in China and Taiwan as he spread the good news about Jesus.

Donna Reker

Chimney Rock Zone President

**LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE
WYOMING DISTRICT
PROPOSED BUDGET
2014 – 2016**

District Mission Grants	\$40,000.00
Scholarships	\$13,200.00
National Mite Share	\$10,000.00
Mileage	\$ 3,000.00
Printing & Supplies	\$ 500.00
Newsletter	\$ 300.00
YWR/Teen Promo	\$ 500.00
Postage & Telephone	\$ 750.00
Insurance, Bond, & Audit	\$ 1,000.00
LWML Quarterlies	\$ 1,200.00
Meals & Motels	\$ 3,000.00
National Convention	\$ 4,000.00
District Convention	\$ 2,000.00
Seminars, Workshops, & Educational Materials	\$ 400.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>\$ 400.00</u>
TOTAL	\$80,250.00

Submitted by Jan Vogelsang, Treasurer



VP of Gospel Outreach – Barb Schaer

READY, SET, RECYCLE!!

The LWML Wyoming District is participating in a recycling program to help with funding for the 2017 LWML Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, which the Wyoming District is helping to host.

The following are being accepted: **empty inkjet cartridges, empty laser printer cartridges, used cell phones, PDAs, palm pilots, DVD players, i-Pods®, MP3 players, digital cameras, laptops, GPS systems, scientific/graphing calculators, Tables, e-Readers & i-Pads® (include any power cords, chargers and any**

other peripherals with any items to be recycled).

All members are encouraged and invited to participate. Each society is gathering these items and will package them up to ship off. It is requested that the boxes weigh between 30 and 40 lbs for shipment.

Please note – Epson ink jet cartridges, remanufactured or refilled cartridges are **NOT** accepted. Also **NO** toner cartridges or fax cartridges.

Wyoming Spiritual Newsletter Winter 2014

Please contact Barb Schaer, PO Box 36, Gordon, NE 69343 (308-282-1516 or 308-360-0316) or email schaer@enebraska.net for shipping labels.

Remember to get **READY, SET, RECYCLE!!! for LWML**

One more way we are raising funds for the 2017 Convention in Salt Lake City is by having everyone utilize goodsearch.com for any of your internet searches. Specify The LWML Wyoming District on the bottom left of the website and we will receive a \$0.01 for each search that is done. There are also some other fun ways to raise funds on the website including goodgames, goodswipe, goodtravel and gooddining. Check out goodsearch.com and remember to select to support the LWML Wyoming District!

PROPOSED MISSION GRANTS

The following projects along with a brief description (a more complete description will be sent with the registration packets) will be on the ballot this June in Casper:

1. Pastoral education West Africa - \$2000 – instruction books and pastoral resources in the ongoing equipping ministry of the projection
2. Pastoral education West Africa - \$5000 – travel expenses and ongoing equipping of leadership.
3. Wyoming District – Hispanic Ministry - \$5000 – start-up expenses
4. First Steps Preschool – Torrington, Wyoming - \$3,600 – tuition expense assistance
5. Wyoming District Teachers Conference - \$3,000 – expenses, speaker fee assistance
6. Trinity/HOPE – Lutheran Schools in Haiti - \$5,000 – feeding school children in Haiti
7. Revitalizing the mission at Navajo, NM – \$4,560 - assistance for missionary to attend continuing education
8. Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alliance, NE –\$6,000 - start-up expenses, teacher salary – new school
9. Wind River Mission - \$5,700 – VBS, van repairs, repairs and supplies
10. Tell the Good News Convocation – \$4,000 - continued support
11. Crossing Cambodia - \$4,000 – help to establish a preschool
12. Wyoming District Lutheran schools - \$4,000 – educational materials
13. Fort Wayne Food Coop - \$5,000 – support for supplies and food

The proposed mission grant total for the next biennium is \$40,000. Voters will chose from the above list for the projects which will be funded for the next 2 years. They will be paid in the order they are voted on as funds become available.

VP of Servant Resources – Melvina Dillman

Many preparations are being made for LWML Wyoming District convention, June 12-14, 2014 in Casper, WY., “Journey to the Cross”. As we look to convention we also look to our sisters in Christ for nominations for district office. **“We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man’s gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let**



him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.” Romans 12 6-8

We give thanks to God for the loving service of our ladies in our LWML

We have the following nominations for district offices: President: Danyne Six, Barb Schaer; VP Human Care: Debbie Lee, Bonnie Wacker; VP Servant Resources: Terri Denniston; Treasurer: Charlotte Hamilton. It is a wonderful and inspirational experience serving with our sisters in Christ on the Wyoming District Board. We still need two names to fill the nominations for election of officers. We reach out to you at this time to prayerfully consider your name for nomination as VP Servant Resources or Treasurer. I Praise God for the loving and faithful service of our ladies in LWML.

As we have been updating our district bylaws, which will be brought to you at convention, I would like to bring to your attention our official name to be: Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) Wyoming District. Many times in the past we have used the LWML after the Wyoming District. Bylaws are an interesting guide in our structure and many times a few simple terms or words is all that need to be changed. I would like for you to continue to update your society and zone bylaws as needed. We are always here to help in any way.

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” 1Peter 4:10



PINE RIDGE ZONE REPORT

The wonderful members of the Pine Ridge Zone LWML show Christ in their willingness to be His hands and feet and to go on His errands to extend His kingdom many ways. I am blessed to be the President of such a group!

They work tirelessly in their societies, and willingly carry out zone duties. Even in unfortunate events, God continues to work through them. We had to say good-bye to our treasurer, JoAnne Loseke when she was called home to be with our Lord in July 2013. Charlotte Herrell stepped in to fulfill her term. Our secretary, Connie Shell, had various surgeries that kept her from attending meetings, yet Sharon Hashman took minutes.

WE are also blessed to have so many District LWML officers, counselor, and Young Women Representatives in our zone. Pastor Humphrey, junior Counselor steps in at any time. We are excited to see the enthusiasm the YWRs, Darci Boche, and Leah Sherman share at our meetings. We are beginning to see more young faces and are encouraged that the legacy of LWML will pass to another generation as God wills.

Wyoming Spiritual Newsletter Winter 2014

We continue to hold our Fall Rally in Alliance, Nebraska, at Immanuel Lutheran. This location is fairly central to our zone. The zone societies rotate responsibilities from year to year.

This year, like last year we will combine our Zone Christian Growth Workshop with Chimney Rock Zone. We will have a morning Bible study at Trinity Lutheran church in Morrill, Nebraska. After lunch, hosted by Chimney Rock Zone, we will hear from the financial advocates from the LWML resource Gifts of Love Program.

Hopefully we will combine forces and travel with both zones to our District LWML Convention in Casper.

Westward Ho!

“Now, may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you do his will working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus, Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen Hebrews 13:20,21

Newsletter Editor – Jennifer Scheel

Lord willing, I will get a short newsletter out before Convention as well as one after convention. Please send me any and all stories and pictures to share with our District. smileyscheel@hotmail.com



It's never too early to start planning for District Convention in June!

Now's the time to discuss sending a YWR from your zone and/or society!

Book your room now at the Quality Inn & Suites, 821 N. Poplar Street in Casper for the District Convention, June 12-14. There are 50 rooms reserved at a rate of \$72.99 for a single and \$5.00 for each additional person. Call (307) 266-2400 and tell them you're with the LWML!



JOURNEY to the CROSS

June 12 -14, 2014

Casper, Wyoming

**The 22nd Biennial
LUTHERAN WOMEN'S**

MISSIONARY LEAGUE

WYOMING DISTRICT

2014

CONVENTION

Hebrews 12:2