



Dear LWML Wyoming District Zone Presidents and Board of Directors Members,

Today National LWML announced that a travel ban until May 1 was in place for any of the representatives that were to attend the district LWML conventions. There are a number of conventions that are planned during the month of April and most are in the process of rescheduling, postponing and some of them are cancelling them due to the recent pandemic of COVID-19, the Coronavirus.

While the cases of the virus are few in our area, the effects of the pandemic around the world can be seen, even in our local small communities and our local churches. We have also been encouraged by both government and church officials to greatly reduce our presence in larger groups or other scenarios that would permit personal contact and possible spread of any virus in our midst.

While we don't want to discourage any one from gathering together, growing in faith, and worshiping our Lord and Savior, we as good stewards of His gifts and blessings need to consider each and every member of our LWML societies and groups. ***At this time, please consider postponing or cancelling your spring workshops or joyshops if they are scheduled during the months of March or April.*** In other words, let us follow the example of our national LWML leaders. While our groups may not be large in number, there are a number of older members who participate in these events and these members tend to be more susceptible to this disease.

All across our nation, at both the national and state levels, we are seeing the closure of many events and places, including schools, colleges, and restaurants, to name a few in an attempt to slow down and hopefully stop the spread of this disease.

Our District convention isn't scheduled until June and at this time we are still planning to continue with it as scheduled. The Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for April 17 & 18 in Casper. For now that will remain. If circumstances change we will adjust it accordingly.

My thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you. It is certainly a difficult time yet we stand together as Sisters in Christ, serving our Lord with Gladness.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara J. Skow".

LWML Wyoming District President

Please feel free to use for yourselves and to share with your societies the following prayer and resources provided by Pastor Temme:



**Readings for Your Use:** 2 Samuel 24:15-25; Romans 5:1-11; Luke 4:38-41a

**Psalm 46:** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, . . . “Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!” The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**Introit in Time of Pestilence:** (Ps 80:1, 4, 17, 19; antiphon: 2 Sam 24:15-17, alt., 1 Chron 21:14-17, alt.)

Remember, O Lord, your covenant  
And say to your smiting angel,  
“Stay your hand, that the land may not become desolate,”  
Lest you destroy every living soul.  
Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
You who lead Joseph like a flock!  
O Lord, God of hosts,  
How long will you be angry with your people’s prayers?  
Let your hand be on the man of your right hand,  
The son of man whom you have made strong for yourself!  
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts!  
Let your face shine, that we may be saved!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
And to the Holy Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning,  
Is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Remember, O Lord, your covenant  
And say to your smiting angel,  
“Stay your hand, that the land may not become desolate,”  
Lest you destroy every living soul.

**Prayer:**

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we Your children humbly turn to You in this time of need as disease threatens our lives and the lives of people throughout all the world. You are the creator of all. You are our Shepherd and King. You are the physician of both body and soul. Therefore we implore You to extend Your hand of mercy and compassion, of great might and power, and graciously turn aside this threat to our well being. We know that You do not desire the death of sinners, but rather that we turn from our sin and live in Your grace and mercy. Therefore, graciously lead us, one and all, to repentance and confession of our sin and a recognition of our desperate need for You alone to come to our aid, and bring deliverance from this pestilence just as You have come to our aid through the life, suffering, death, and resurrection of Your dear Son for our deliverance from sin and death. In Your great mercy, preserve us from this and every illness. Provide for us all the necessary resources to successfully and safely turn this threat aside. Give healing and strength to those who are smitten, protect all who care for them. Grant us, one and all, steady minds and calm hearts, patience and endurance, in the face of fear, knowing that indeed You are our Refuge and Strength and that You have personally borne our infirmities in the human flesh and purchased us with Your own blood, bringing to us forgiveness of our sin and deliverance from every evil of body and soul. Renew us constantly with the assurance that You do work in all things, this threat as well, for our spiritual and eternal well being. Keep us firmly and confidently in this faith and embolden us in our service to our neighbor in need. Hear our prayers, O Lord, as we come to You in the precious name and for the sake of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.