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Mobile, Ala. Convention News

Bus Trip

After gathering more information into chartering a bus for the 2019 LWML Mobile, Ala. convention, we have decided that a charter bus is not feasible at this time. You are encouraged to still make plans to attend the Mobile convention.



Young Woman Representative

As we approach the new year, if you or someone you know would like to be one of our two Young Woman Representative (YWR), the deadline to submit your application with a reference is January 15, 2019. Learn more about the program and get an application from our website lwmlrmd.org.

Convention Banner

We are looking for an LWML Rocky Mountain District banner design that will be chosen and then created for President Debbie Yocky to carry during the procession at the 2019 convention. The deadline for the design is February 1, 2019. More information about the requirements can be found on page 6. 🙋



Debbie Yocky
PRESIDENT

*Rejoice always,
pray without
ceasing, give
thanks in all
circumstances; for
this is the will of
God in Christ Jesus
for you.*

— 1 Thess. 5:16-18

2018–2020 Biennium
Theme Verses

“Fall is one of my favorite times of the year. Traveling throughout the district I have enjoyed seeing the fall colors and experiencing the cooler weather (except in Las Cruces, where it was still 90 degrees in late September).

“But now fall is almost over and the holidays are approaching and as fall comes to an end, so do our fall rallies. I was blessed to attend seven fall rallies this year. Women gathered for fellowship, Bible study, and LWML hugs. Information was shared, items were gathered to share with those in need, and mites were prayerfully collected. We serve the Lord with gladness and our enthusiasm to share the Gospel message remains. I really enjoyed renewing old friendships and meeting so many wonderful women and men. Check out the Fall Rally section of the *Tidings* on page 7 for a few highlights.

“How do we share this enthusiasm with the women in our congregations? How do we reach younger women

and stay relevant in a changing world? What will the LWML look like in 25 years or 50 years? I don’t have all the answers, but will continue to ask the questions and seek out new ideas and resources to share.

“In November I will have the opportunity to travel to St. Louis with three other EC members—Tanya Hall, Kelsey Hall, and Pastor Cundiff to attend Assembly of Leaders. Our theme is Follow the Leader, based on Philippians 4:9.

“I am excited to be with LWML women from all our districts, learning, and growing. We will be sharing information from this training in the coming months.

“I pray that your holiday celebrations are filled with joy and peace.

Thank you to all the churches that hosted fall rallies. Thank you to the ladies of Peace in Arvada for hosting our November EC meeting. 🌿

Debbie



Beth Nagy
VP CHRISTIAN LIFE

“A new online Bible study began Saturday, October 6, entitled *The Task-Filled Life* and is written by Jan Brunette. It may be viewed online or downloadable at www.lwml.org/life. It began with the session, The Great I AM, on October 6, and then continued to dig a little deeper with a short session each weekday following. The study continued for six weeks in this manner. Check it

out and follow along at www.lwml.org/life.

“Five DVD studies are available for loan from the District. Both copies of *Peter – From Fisherman to Fisher of Men* are currently checked out. *Your Strong Suit*, *Overflowing Abundance*, *Where Love Abides*, and *The Heart of Jesus* are available to be checked out. Contact Beth Nagy, VP Christian Life for more information. 🌿

Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

#GIVINGTUESDAY™

November 27, 2018

On Tuesday, November 27, all donations given to National LWML (either online or in the mail) with the notation “Giving Tuesday” will be matched up to a total of \$20,000. Now is the time to have the check in the mail.

The Amazing Birth Announcement

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel”, which means, God with us (Matthew 1:23).

☞You’ve seen birth announcements in the newspapers. You’ve received them in the mail. When my first daughter was on the way, I cut out a shape of a rabbit, put an X where the eyes would have been, and turning it upside down, wrote simply, “Dear _____ from Trent and Joline”. Joline’s sister and her husband sent our announcement back to us, writing below, “Us too!”

☞For those of you who are too young to remember, our message and the reply from Joline’s sister was that the “rabbit had died” which was an old euphemism for a positive pregnancy test. My oldest brother got his announcement in the mail and folded it, held it up to the light, in the mirror, and never could understand it. When his wife got home, he threw it to her and said, disgusted, “What’s this mean.” “Joline and Trent are having a baby” she answered matter-of-factly.

☞YES! We were having a baby!

☞Now consider the announcement made in Matthew 1:23. It wasn’t Mary or Joseph revealing the news to family members. God was breaking the news to them! Or more exactly, the message came from God through angels!

☞God sent Gabriel in person to Mary and an un-named angel revealed the news to Joseph in a dream. The couple received the explicit news that a “baby boy was on the way”.

☞You know how fairy-tales begin. “Once upon a time...” meaning that

what follows is all make believe. How different this announcement quoted from its first reveal through the prophet Isaiah. “The virgin SHALL conceive and bear a son....” And that means that what follows, no matter how strange, is DEFINITELY going to happen.

☞And no less significant, how special this child was going to be! First, who’s going to give birth to him? A virgin of all people! A one of a kind birth for this child. I think that I still hold the record for birth weight in Morgan County, Colo., but THIS CHILD is in a category all by himself! I think the birth of my two children was special and you think the same way about yours, but this birth was an “ONLY”.

☞And Mary and Joseph’s son? How many times will we celebrate Christmas? How many times will we hear the birth narrative of Jesus Christ? How many times will God repeat this announcement to us before we even begin to grasp how special His news to His creation really is? Mary is going to be the mother of God! Joseph will raise this child as his own.

☞This child is going to be the long-promised Immanuel, which means in the native Hebrew language, “God with us.” Amazing!

☞To all the LWML RMD, to you and yours, have a blessed celebration of “God with us”! 🌿



Pr. Trent
Christensen

SENIOR PASTORAL
COUNSELOR

In Christ's Service



Mission Grant Recipients for the 2018–2020 Biennium

Amy Schultz

VP GOSPEL
OUTREACH

	Granted	Paid
Intern at Navajo Reservation in New Mexico	\$9,600	\$2,000
Trinity/HOPE	\$5,000	
University Lutheran Chapel, Boulder	\$6,000	\$2,000
Messiah Lutheran Campus Ministry at Colorado Mesa University	\$6,000	\$2,000
Fostering Faith in the Forest (LVR)	\$5,000	
St. Andrew Lutheran Church Plant	\$6,700	
Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission	\$7,500	
Lutherans for Life Post-Abortion Crisis Hotline	\$5,000	
The Table at Bethlehem Lutheran Church	\$5,000	
Financial Assistance for Concordia Theological Seminary Food Co-op	\$8,000	
To Establish Lutheran Seminary in Sierra Leone	\$10,000	
Lutheran Books for Missionaries around the World	\$5,000	
Dominican Republic Disability Ministry (partial)	\$3,514	
TOTAL	\$82,314	\$6,000



Linda Harsh

MISSION GRANTS
COMMITTEE

Lutheran Books for Missionaries

God always has a plan, even in the seemingly small things. Summer is over, my Wednesday morning Bible study has started studying the book of Acts and it's my privilege to bring you an update about one of the 13 mission grants we recently adopted in Boulder, Colorado. What do these two things have in common? The Good News of Jesus Christ in one's own language, first the spoken word at Pentecost, the other the Holy Spirit's work through the written word. The Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) translates books to supply our LCMS missionaries and church partners with teaching material. In both cases, people were and are amazed to learn about Jesus' love for them in their own heart language.

For more than 25 years LHF has been extending the ministry of Word by translating and publishing the Lutheran

books that help explain the Bible. Some of these books including *Luther's Small Catechism*, *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories*, hymnals, devotions, and more. These resources are used by church bodies, congregations, seminaries and missionaries in more than 80 different countries. LHF has translated and published nearly 1000 books around the world; over 3 million copies have been distributed at no cost to the churches, pastors individuals and missionaries who need them. In a recent LHF newsletter, *The Word at Work*, a story is recounted about a 60-year-old woman from Guatemala that was thrilled to get a Bible after she had received glasses from a Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) Ministries eyeglass clinic.

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Count Your Blessings

I heard somewhere that “the wicked count their possessions while the Christian counts their blessings.” I think we, as Christians, still sometimes take our blessings for granted. At our church we give out grocery store cards to those in need that ask for them. Some it’s for food, some for diapers, some for gas, and some for school supplies. Whether this is what they really use them for, I don’t know. Some that ask act “entitled” to receive help, some are ashamed, and some ask for more than what is given to them. It is not my job to judge them or their need, but it makes me wonder how I would act in their situation. If all my blessings were suddenly taken away, like Job, who lost everything, would I look back and say how good I used to have everything? Would I curse my

friends for not helping me? Would I curse the day I was born like Job did? And what would I miss the most? The gas in the car, or even the car? The food? Providing for my kids’ needs? These are questions I don’t like to think about, and I hope I never find out the answer to them. By God’s grace alone I have these blessings, not because I deserve them, or did a good job, but because He loves me. That’s it. Today count your blessings that were given to you by your Heavenly Father just because he loves you. Help others to realize that they also have many blessings to be thankful for, and if these blessings are all gone tomorrow, let God never think you took those blessings for granted. Mind your manners and say “Thank You.” 🌿



Shelley Stewart

VP SERVANT
RESOURCES

SOUTHERN

AN OCTOBERFEST LWML SUNDAY

On September 30, 2018, a combined event of LWML Sunday and an Octoberfest was held at Our Savior's Lutheran, Pueblo West, Colo. The ladies prepared and served a German dinner for over 100 people. One of our members played accordion polka music during the meal. A free will offering was taken to support missionaries, Rev. Claude and Rhoda Houge, serving in Ghana. It was a great day and very much a success. 🌿



Left to Right: Carol Bravard, Vicki Riddle, and Kim Chu.



In the Zones



Lesley Nordmeyer
VP COMMUNICATIONS

*Thank you for
sharing your time
and talent!*

*We will be ready to
let our praise for the
Lord be proclaimed
in Mobile, Ala.!*

2019 Banner Design Guidelines

It's time to think about banners! We want to know if you have a creative flair for design or a passion to draw?

With the 38th biennial convention of the LWML already in the planning stages, the LWML RMD is seeking a special design for our district banner. This banner will be carried by President Debbie Yocky during the

opening ceremonies of the Mobile, Ala. convention, June 20–23, 2019.

Theme: In Praise to the Lord!

Scripture reference: *Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations* (1 Chronicles 16:23–24a).

For more information about the convention, go to lwml.org/2019-convention.

Banner Design Guidelines

- Illustrate the design on an 8 ½" x 11" sheet of unlined paper or graph paper of similar size;
- Submit the design in full color;
- Include an explanation of how the banner design depicts the theme of LWML convention;
- Include the name, address, and phone number of the designer and the name of the society and church;
- Advise as to whether the designer or the society is willing to make the banner. If not, the district Executive Committee will select someone to make the banner;
- The district will pay for the cost of the materials, if requested;
- At the February 2019 meeting of the Board of Directors, the design to be used will be selected; and
- By February 1, 2019, please send your design and other required information to VP Communications Lesley Nordmeyer, 551 Shoshone St., Grand Junction, CO 81504 or email: vpcommunications@lwmlrmd.org.

Completed Banner Specifications

- Finished banner size is to be 3' x 5' and will be carried lengthwise. If you add fringe, it may be longer;
- Use of the convention logo is not permitted, but the design must be based on the convention theme In Praise to the Lord!;
- The banner may be any color;
- The name, Rocky Mountain District or RMD, must be on the front of the banner. To help identify our district's banner when rolled up, a small identifying tag naming our district will be placed on the lower left hand corner of the back side of the banner;
- Attach two ties (non Velcro) to the back of the banner center width. Each of these ties (one about 10–12" from the top and the other about 10–12" from the bottom) are necessary to help hold the banner to the 2" diameter pole; and
- The banner should be attached to a 1" dowel stick with an eye screw on each end, laying the cord flat along the rod and knotting it on the outside of each screw eye. The cord (heavy enough to support the weight of the banner) will stretch when the banner is hung. A pole and stand for the banner will be provided at the convention site by the host committee. 🌿

A Season of Fall Rallies

With many miles between the rallies, there is always something that connects us — our love for the lost, for our LORD, and for each other. Between guests, pastors, district officers, and voting members, around 370 people attended fall rallies this year.

Themes varied from zone to zone as well as exciting adventures from a doorprize giveaway

to a fire evacuation. Technology challenges and solutions were ever present. There are new zone presidents and board members. Through it all there were many, many smiles and hugs all around.

In addition, there were over 100 requests to connect with us through email. Resolving some confusion, MailChimp emails are from our district and Constant Contact are from national. 🌿



The South Central Fall Rally had unexpected visitors—the fire department. The smoke alarm went off. Lunch plans were changed to pizza but no actual fire occurred. Thank you to the Aurora FD for their quiet response.



These lovely ladies, Debbie & Alice Allen, modeled their LWML finery at the Pecos Fall Rally.



Table decorations from the Northeastern Fall Rally, whose theme was "Shine Your Light."



Abundant ingathering items at the Rio Grande Fall Rally.



Skyping with Rev. Duane Meissner from Belize at the Northern New Mexico Fall Rally.



Beautiful fall colors on the mountain passes on the way to the Western Fall Rally.



Remember to send your mites each month to our RMD Treasurer.

LWML RMD
Chris Bostron, Treasurer
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Now she has everything she had needed: glasses to read AND the Bible!

When funds are available, our grant of \$5000 for Lutheran Books for Missionaries Around the World will be applied to the next unfunded project request LHF receives from a missionary, district, or

international church partner. As we count our blessings this Thanksgiving season and prepare to celebrate the Word made flesh, let's keep the work of the LHF in our prayers. I am excited to see what project God has planned to bless with our Mighty Mites. We will keep you posted! 🌿

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