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## A New Year with New Opportunities

It's the start of a new year deadlines are looming already. Registration for the 2019 LWML Convention, Mobile, Ala. opens February 1st. It is also time to renew or start a *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* subscription. A society subscription form can be found on page 7 as well as on our website. Individuals can also subscribe to the *Quarterly* or *eQuarterly* online at [www.lwml.org/subscribe-to-quarterly](http://www.lwml.org/subscribe-to-quarterly).

Zone presidents, many newly elected, are already planning spring workshops and will be attending the Board of Directors meeting in February. Our zone presidents for this coming year include, Anita Palenschat, Four Corners; Eileen Diepenbrock, North Central; Joline Christensen, Northeastern; Christie Peebles, Northern; Barbara Wertz, Northern New Mexico; Brittnie Clark, Pecos; Jill Clark, Rio Grande; Lori Williams, South Central; Karen Mann, Southern; and Donna Cochran, Western. Please remember your elected and appointed officers in your prayers.

It is now the time to consider attending the 2019 LWML national convention in Mobile, Ala. Convention information as well as registration forms can be found in the Winter 2018 *Quarterly* and at [www.lwml.org/2019-convention](http://www.lwml.org/2019-convention). Attention young women, your deadline for submitting an application to be our YWR has been extended until January 30, 2019. If you are an artist or designer, even if you are not planning on attending the convention, please consider submitting a banner design by February 1, 2019 to VP Communications Lesley Nordmeyer, 551 Shoshone St., Grand Junction, CO 81504 or email: [vpcommunications@lwmlrmd.org](mailto:vpcommunications@lwmlrmd.org). Details about the banner design can be found in the *November/December 2018 Tidings*.

The new year is upon us and we look forward to hearing all about how God is using you through your work in LWML. May your year be filled with the blessings of His peace and joy. 🌿



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

“I always feel a little blue after the holidays. We are deep in the “bleak mid-winter”-gray sky, gray snow, and cold days. Once the decorations are put away the house looks bleak as well. All I want to do is crawl back into bed.

“I’m terrible at New Year’s Resolutions and by mid January I have fallen back into old habits. Why is it so easy to start but so hard to finish anything? Where can we find inspiration for a fresh start in this blah time of year? How do we rekindle our joy?

“Here are a few thoughts.

“Bible Study — Start your day with the Lord. The new year is a great time to start a Bible reading plan or a daily devotion. I recently purchased The Lutheran Study Bible Journal from CPH and plan to start a daily Bible study time. This journal has Bible readings for each day and room to journal. I find that making the time to be in the Word daily keeps me on the right track. It is time well spent.

“Pray — Take the time to pray for your family, your church, your community and your LWML group. Check out our mite

calendars and up-to-date information about our mission grants on the website.

Service — Join with the women in your church in new service projects. Do you quilt, knit, or crochet? There is always a need for hats, scarfs, blankets and quilts to be distributed to people in need. This activity can add some brightness to the dreary winter day. Doing something useful can help us focus on someone other than ourselves.

“Dream — start dreaming about summer vacation. Are you planning on attending the Mobile Convention in June? It should be plenty warm there. The latest issue of the *Quarterly* has all the convention details. Start making plans today to attend.

“I wish you a happy and healthy new year. Start 2019 with a new focus on your relationship with Jesus Christ. If you find your house dull and boring without your Christmas lights focus on the one true Light of the World — Jesus Christ. 🌿

*Happy New Year  
Debbie*



Beth Nagy  
VP CHRISTIAN LIFE

The Christmas tree has come down, the ornaments and decorations are put away for another season. The church year is entering a new phase and we are now in a new calendar year. We begin looking forward to the new challenges, as well as dealing with ongoing challenges.

“What now? It is a good time to dig into God’s Word. Find a Bible reading guide that will direct your study of the Word. What about your society — is it

in need of a new Bible study? Check out the LWML website for Bible studies that can be downloaded at no cost. Concordia Publishing House has Bible studies for women, some of which are also in our District LWML Christian Life library. Those in the District library are available for loan.

“New devotions and Bible studies are added to the LWML website frequently. Check it out. 🌿

Dear friends in Christ,

It is my hope that you enjoyed a lovely Christmas and have a joyful Epiphany season. The season of Epiphany is a season that we often desire to sum up with simply the visit of the Magi, but it is far more than that. It is the season of God revealing His Son to us. Epiphany contains our celebration of Christ's baptism, His miracles, and His teachings as well. It is the season wherein we are reminded again and again that Jesus is no counterfeit savior.

The Epistle reading for Christmas Day is from Hebrews 1, *Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.* But let us also remember that we find in the beginning of Hebrews these words, *Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.*

During this time of year, there are many opportunities for people to engage with the Christian message. We still hold the dominant view of Christmas' celebration, for now. During this time of year and leading through until Easter, there will be no shortage of programs and specials on various cable channels claiming to teach people the "true secrets of the Bible" or some other such foolishness. The problem is that such programs are unhelpful in a true explanation of Scripture or what really happened. Instead, they often muddy the waters and confuse people all the more.

Things such as this and the prevalent generic version of Christianity that exists in our country makes people easy marks for that scammer and conman, Satan. He creeps up and whispers in our ear that everything is fine. We really understand this whole Christianity thing. There isn't any need to go to Church. Who needs to read the Bible? Actually studying Scripture with our pastors? Who needs to hear some stuffy guy in a black shirt tell the same Bible stories again and again?

A good counterfeit is one that can pass for the real thing. It has enough in common with

the original, genuine article that it's hard to tell the difference at first glance. As long as we're talking about the Bible and saying those basic things like "God is love" and "God wants us to be happy" then what's the problem?

The problem is that we can soon find ourselves holding in our hands a counterfeit Jesus. We can get a knock off god when we separate ourselves from his Word. We end up with a god who is a feckless, powerless, and worthless deity who is little more than a kindly grandfather who pats us on the head and sends us on our way. This is what Epiphany helps us to guard against. We delve into the Word of God and we hear again what our Lord has done for us. We are reminded that Jesus is more than some moralistic teacher who preached a generic kind of love without any consequences.

We see that our faith must be based in Christ Jesus! It must be grounded in the Word of God who was made flesh for us and for our salvation. We must have a focus on Jesus and what he's done for us. Nice platitudes about a generic "god" are as useless as motivational speeches. That is not what the Church has been given to proclaim. She has been given the blessed task of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

We must demand to have the genuine article. We gather so that we can hear the Gospel, pure and unfiltered. We don't want a sanitized and easy to consume God. It is good for us to seek out the true God who is scary and who is hard to understand. Because it is there that we also find our Lord Jesus Christ who reveals to us the true love and goodness of God. A love and goodness that are not founded in empty platitudes, but are grounded in His very blood shed for us at the cross. So let us hold onto this firmly that we do not drift away from it but that we stand firm in this faith, using the gifts that God has given us through the Word and Sacrament to stand in the day of trial. ✠



Pr. Quintin Cundiff

JUNIOR PASTORAL  
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*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	\$1,500
Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission	\$7,500	\$3,750
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	\$3,000
Lutheran Books for Missionaries around the World	\$5,000	\$3,250
Dominican Republic Disability Ministry (partial)	\$3,514	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$82,314</b>	<b>\$17,500</b>



Becky Meyer

MISSION GRANTS  
COMMITTEE

## Mites Impacting Lives Beyond District

These two featured mission grants show the impact of our mites reaching far beyond the Rocky Mountain District. Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Ministry (BOLM) shares the gospel in 102 countries, and the Dominican Republic Disability Ministry shares the love of Jesus on an island in the Caribbean.

BOLM, a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the LCMS, has been spreading the Gospel, primarily to Arabic-speaking peoples, worldwide for over 14 years. Using communications technologies including internet, TV, radio, and printed materials, BOLM provides an Internet Lutheran Seminary in Arabic and English; delivers lectures available on four Arabic-speaking radio stations, two TV stations, and YouTube; hosts chat rooms and a Facebook page for those who are seeking Christ; distributes Bibles in 12

languages; started seven theological schools in various countries; conducts conferences for converts at least twice a year; and planted 60 new independent churches throughout the world. Their 110 missionaries reach thousands of individuals seeking information about Christ and provide platforms that allow people to ask questions and get responses in their own language. The \$7,500 grant that was approved at the 2018 LWML RMD convention will help supply three months expenses for the Internet Seminary and 1 year local office expenses.

The Dominican Republic Disability Ministry, shares the love of Jesus with children with intellectual and development disabilities in the Dominican Republic. The families of

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## What does it mean to be a Young Woman in Mission?

I strongly believe that any woman can be “young” at heart, open-minded, full of love and life, at any age. But perhaps one thing that does set a “young” woman apart, strictly speaking about age, doesn’t have anything to do with age at all, but more about where she is in life; her current struggles and worries, her goals and accomplishments, and how she views the world through the experiences she has already had and those yet to come.

A young woman may or may not have children, may or may not be working, but most young women I have met are usually always busy! The young woman today is most likely concerned with things like how to pay bills, working, cleaning, tending to family or pets, fitting in time to stay healthy, and acquiring skills that more experienced women have been refining for years. (How many Thanksgivings does it take to properly cook a turkey satisfactory for the in-laws anyway?) It may seem daunting for a young woman to be invited into a group with expectations of regularly attending meetings or to become “involved” immediately. She may feel as though she already has so much on her plate that she cannot possibly take on anything more.

Yet, there is something calling from inside her, a desire to help, to make a difference, to do something great and wonderful in service to our Lord. No matter what age we currently are, or what age we have been in the past, as a woman of God, I know that call has reached us all. That call to mission is what unites us together, not just

through the LWML, but as women in Christ. And God has graciously given us each unique and amazing talents and gifts to do His works, to fulfill the call to His missions. Let us use these gifts and encourage others to do the same, especially young women, who may not have had the time or means to cultivate their God-given talents.

A young woman may not be able to attend monthly meetings, but she may be able to help support your church’s website with updated pictures from home. A young woman may not know how to quilt, but she may have amazing crafting skills to help with centerpieces for a rally.

One of the most incredible things I have learned about LWML is seeing how one seemingly small action can make an incredibly large difference. Watching as individual mites join society mites, then society mites joining district and national mites, all supporting missions that one individual could not possibly fund alone, is truly remarkable. And even when that young woman feels she cannot possibly help with as busy as she is, invite her to help make a difference, not by attending meetings or filling an empty spot on the board, but by showing her that even the smallest mite or the simplest bit of help can make an extraordinary impact. By helping her realize her potential, appreciating anything she is willing to offer, and showing her kindness may be all she needs to spark the flame inside urging her to serve the Lord as a woman in mission. 🌿



Shelley Stewart

VP SERVANT  
RESOURCES



Kelsey Hall

COMMITTEE ON  
YOUNG WOMEN  
CHAIRMAN



In the Zones



The hands of LWMLers reach around the globe with warmth and love. On December 10th, 2018, in Castle Rock, Colo. a container of clothes sent to the Republic of Georgia was loaded at Orphan Grain Train. This load included layette kits from LWML and 166 boxes of beautiful quilts from the quilters of Holy Cross and Rock of Ages Lutheran churches in Colorado Springs, Colo. along with those from Berlinski's ladies of Aurora, Colo. 🌿



## January 2019 National Mite Challenge

A national LWML mite challenge has been set for January to raise \$10,000 by the national Board of Directors meeting, January 23–26, 2019. The mites raised during this challenge will be designated by pastoral counselor (Pr. Mundahl or Pr. Schuessler). The pastoral counselor who has been designated the most mites will be wearing the t-shirt (my romper is in the wash) and the one who receives the least will be wearing the purple romper. The LWML RMD has designated our January mite offering to this challenge. Won't your group support it as well? More information and a flyer is available on the [lwmlrmd.org](http://lwmlrmd.org) website. 🌿



## LWML RMD Board of Directors

In the late midwinter (February 22–23 to be exact), members of the executive committee, board committees, and zone presidents will meet in Aurora, Colo. at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church for training and planning. The theme “Follow the Leader” continues the 2018

LWML Assembly of Leaders (AOL) theme. Leadership training from AOL will be presented during the Board of Directors to share the insights gained with the rest of the District. This will set the stage for where the LWML RMD will be heading. 🌿

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these children have little government support to assist them in caring for them, and often the children end up in orphanages in sub-human conditions. The same happens with adults who are mentally disabled. The Dominican Lutheran Church has established Good Shepherd Lutheran Homes to assist with the care of these people and the educating of their caregivers. The church visits these institutions and shares the Gospel with these children in

messages, Bible stories, music, and craft activities. The grant of \$3,514 approved at the LWML RMD convention will help with the cost of running the Disability Ministry with salaries, food, clothing, medical care, education and utilities.

These ministries are being supported by your mites! Please also support them through your prayers, asking God to make their efforts to grow His Kingdom and share His love fruitful. 🌿



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Questions/comments, contact Beth Shroff at [tidingsbusmgr@lwmlrmd.org](mailto:tidingsbusmgr@lwmlrmd.org)



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

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