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TIDINGS

Lutheran Women in Mission Rocky Mountain District

PING 2012

Prepare
Inspire
Nourish
Go



Hello, are you out there? That's the question we sometimes ask each other as we try to interact and communicate with all the women in the LWML in our district and across the country. Over 400 people met in St. Louis in October to hear the latest information from leaders in the LWML.

Amy Schultz, president from the Western Zone, Anita Werner, president from the Rio Grande Zone, and President von Soosten attended this training. Amy and Anita will be sharing this information with zone leaders at the Rocky Mountain District Board of Directors meeting on Feb. 22-23, 2013.

The information will also be incorporated into 2013 fall rally presentations so that more women hear the information and can share it.

Are you **Prepared, Inspired, Nourished** and ready to **Go** to do our Lord's work?

Stay tuned for more updates on PING.



Remember to send your mites each month to our RMD Treasurer. Her address is:

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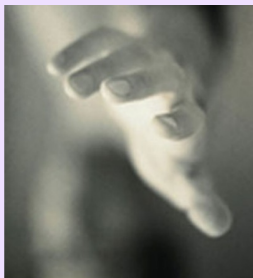
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Carol's Corner

LWML RMD 2012-2014 Vision Statement



Reach
Everyone
As
Christ's
Hands



Christmas is over. Children's services and programs are finished for another year, decorations are packed away, crumpled wrapping paper and bows already went out in the trash. Are you feeling let down now that Christmas has come and gone? But has it?

Christmas is not over. We have God's promise that He is always with us and He says, "My peace I leave with you."

As you reflect on a new beginning in 2013, focus on God's peace and His promises. Take a look at Romans 5:1, Colossians 3:15, and Philippians 4:9 for some favorite reassurances.

Please read on for some important information and reminders below. Remember, God's peace to you – at Christmas, in the New Year, and always!

Joy in His Service,
Carol von Soosten

From the President's Notebook:

Thank you to the ladies of Wheat Ridge Lutheran for hosting the November Executive Committee meeting. When societies offer to host EC meetings, we are able to use more of our mites for "outreach." Thanks again to all of our past hostesses!

MITES & Prayers

In the November issue of the *Tidings*, we focused on the need for prayerful support of our grant recipients. Remember the heading: "**Mite-giving + Sincere Prayers = Mission Grants Paid and the Love of Jesus Shared!**"? Our mission grant recipients at the district and national level need your support!

LWML recently announced receiving an average of \$67,000 a month in mites. In order to fully support all the mission grants ending in 2013, we will need to gather \$111,000 each month through the March 31, 2013 cutoff. We know all things are possible with our Lord. **Please keep this in your prayers** and share the need for mites to be sent in as they are collected. Don't worry about saving up mites for a bigger amount; no amount is too small. Your support helps all our grant recipients.

Do you know your new zone president?

Eastern High Plains - Mona Appel (acting)
Four Corners - Sue Giddings
North Central - Cindy Hein
Northeastern - Betty Brunner
Northern - Kim Goetsch
Northern New Mexico - Charen Stafford
Pecos - Margaret Blazek
Rio Grande - Anita Werner
South Central - Becky Ryder
Southern - Sue Herrmann
Western - Amy Schultz

The annual Board of Directors meeting of the LWML Rocky Mountain District will be held on February 22-23, 2013 in the Denver area.

The theme "Redeemed, Renewed, and Ready" is based on Ephesians 2:10.

Zone presidents are asked to bring one additional representative from their zone to the board meeting to learn about our revised grant application process. We are sharing information now so that it is available to zones prior to fall rallies in 2013. The deadline for mission grant applications will be December 31, 2013 and we want a lot of great proposals to consider for selecting at our 2014 convention.

If you are reading this the world has not ended. Our Lord has not yet come again on the clouds at the blast of the trumpets. This means that our task as members of the LWML has not ended. So it is time to carry on!

You may have already put your Christmas tree away. The sound of Christmas carols might be nauseating to you. Just the smell of Christmas cookies could cause you to leave the kitchen. You might be ready for Christmas to be done, but it's not quite done with us. These first few weeks of January we spend celebrating the last part of the Christmas season, Epiphany. Officially celebrated on January 6th Epiphany tells us of Jesus' baptism in the Jordan, His changing water into wine, and we hear of the Magi coming to worship the King in Bethlehem.

Take a moment to reread Matthew 2:1-12. It's easy for us to focus on the work of the miraculous star that the Lord set in the sky to point the Magi towards Bethlehem. In fact we can forget that it was not the star alone that guided the Magi to Jesus. It was the Word that sent them finally to Jerusalem.

Remember, when the Magi appear to Herod in Jerusalem they are looking for

the king, and why not Jerusalem, it's the capital? But there in Jerusalem the chief priests and scribes open the prophets: **And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel (Mi. 5:2).** The Magi are pointed to Bethlehem by the Word. It's only after they receive the Word and head off in the direction of Bethlehem does the star appear over the house where Jesus is.

We may hope for the miraculous signs to bring people to faith like a star in the sky. Many people thought that 9/11 was going to bring people back to church or lead people to faith. But we can't wait and hope for those things to do it. We already have that which guides people to Jesus, the Word of God.

So let's carry on. Let us continue to support the work of the preaching and teaching of the Gospel that many more people will see Jesus and believe in Him. We don't need to wait for miraculous signs, because we've got something better, His Word.

A blessed Epiphany to each of you!

The Word Guided Them

Pastor Storck
Senior Counselor

From the President's Notebook: (cont.)

SNEAK PEAK – We are working on our 2014 LWML RMD Convention and want to share some of the latest news. On June 20-22, 2014 we'll be meeting at the Ramada Plaza in Northglenn, CO. "Great is the Harvest" is the theme based on Luke 10:2.

Start planning now for a great time with your sisters in Christ. We're especially encouraging our Denver area sisters to plan a "stay-cation" so you are right there at the hotel and don't miss out on a single moment of the fun!



Know Your Mission Grants

Judy Piepkorn
VP Gospel Outreach

Mission Grant Recipients for the 2012-2014 Biennium

	<u>Granted</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Unpaid</u>
Training African Pastors for Gospel Outreach in Africa	\$ 7,000	\$ 0	\$ 7,000
Trinity/HOPE Haiti	\$ 5,500	\$ 0	\$ 5,500
Religious Life Curriculum Illustration Costs	\$ 8,000	\$ 0	\$ 8,000
Sunday Sermons for the Zulu of South Africa	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Food Bank	\$ 7,000	\$ 0	\$ 7,000
Rocky Mountain District – Debt Assistance	\$ 7,500	\$ 0	\$ 7,500
Concordia Early Childhood Learning Center	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000
Concordia Seminary Graduate School International Student Support	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Outreach Resource Centers	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Support for University Lutheran Chapel – Boulder, CO	\$ 6,000	\$ 0	\$ 6,000
Helping Blind People See Jesus	\$ 4,000	\$ 0	\$ 4,000
God's Word in Their Heart Language – Teaching the Mende to Read Scriptures	\$ 4,450	\$ 0	\$ 4,450
Fostering Faith in the Forest	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
	\$72,450	\$ 3,000	\$69,450

Mission Grant Update

Fostering Faith in the Forest

Lutheran Valley Retreat has reserved a week of camp for 2012, 2013, and 2014 for foster children and their chaperones from Denver to attend a week of camp. The funds requested would help subsidize a week of camp for 10 foster children so that each child pays only \$100 per year for the next 3 years. Many of these children have experienced life in numerous foster homes. Perhaps they were living in conditions that would be untenable for many of us. Life experience has been difficult and fearful. When these children are placed in a home where they feel loved, they may also experience unexpected trauma. Grandpa, named by the thousands of campers in his 30 years of volunteering as a coordinator and chaperone for foster kid's camp programs, knows that one week of camp can change the life of a child. Grandpa also knows that security enables children to enjoy being kids.



An Orderly Fashion

Sylvia Bean
VP Servant Resources

An agenda? What's that? **Robert's Rules**? What's that? We just have short meetings.

Why have an Agenda?

An agenda enables the person chairing the meeting to know exactly the items to be discussed during the meeting and in what order. It also provides the attendees with the order and information to be discussed. Agendas help keep all in attendance focused on the items included for the meeting and help prevent unnecessary discussion and ramblings off the immediate topic.

What's the point of using Parliamentary Procedure?

Using **Robert's Rules** keeps the meeting organized and in good order. 1 Corinthians 14:40 says, "And everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way." NIV As the president or chairman leading a meeting, it's important to know if you have a quorum so that business items may be addressed. Keeping everyone focused on the immediate discussion keeps responses focused on the subject, helps the group come to faster resolution, and thereby shortens the meeting. Addressing the leader of the meeting as "Madame Chairman" or "Madame President" provides an atmosphere of respect and acknowledges the leader of the meeting. Attendees must wait for the "chair" to acknowledge them to speak, thus providing a chance for more involvement in the discussion and can prevent one person from monopolizing the discussion.

For resources concerning agendas and other helps for "presiders" go to www.rmdlwml.org and click on "Servant Resources".

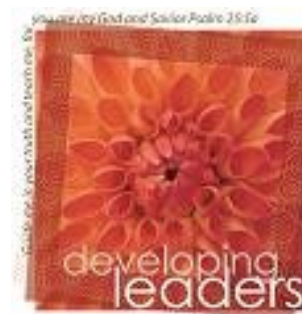
Resources are also available to be downloaded from the National LWML web site at www.lwml.org. There are always many resources available through the *LWML Catalog*.

FROM NATIONAL LWML: Now Available for YOU!

Being a leader is a real gift from God! (See 1 Corinthians 12.) "Gifted for Impact!" is the theme of the LWML Leader Development Committee's latest newsletter *Follow the Leader*, which is available at www.lwml.org. Click on the "Resources" tab and then on "Developing Leaders."

Have you ever asked yourself "How can I introduce women in my congregation to the blessings of participating in the LWML?" The LWML HOPE (Helping Organizations Participate Effectively) Committee has a new resource to help you! "Just a Cup of Coffee" is a PowerPoint presentation that you can view to learn of an effective and fun way to share the joys of serving in the LWML, simply by developing a relationship over a cup of coffee. Go to www.lwml.org, click on "Resources," and then on "Helps for Your Organization."

Servant Resources



Mites, Anyone?

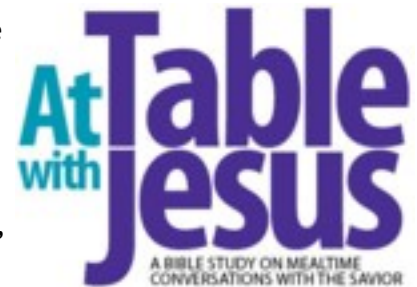
Judy Gordon
Christian Life
Committee

We all know the importance of our LWML mites, but do we always make the most of the opportunities available to us to support our various mission grants and gather in our precious mites as we should? How many of our local societies gather mites at every meeting.....especially in conjunction with a special mite devotion? If this is an area that could use some "spicing up" or a "shot in the arm", take a look at some of the items offered in the *LWML Catalog*. "Overflowing Love" is a great mite box devotional resource. It contains 10 pages of poems and songs; 46 pages of litanies and devotions; and 21 pages of skits. There is literally something for everyone! The materials are easy to use and abundant enough to last for an entire year of meetings. Another option would be "Gracious Gifts". This collection includes eight one page devotions, again designed for ideal use for mite box giving. Another option might be a Mite Box Monthly Calendar. If you attended the recent RMD Convention in El Paso and sat in on Pastor Rahe's session on "You Mite Be a Lutheran", you received some sample mite calendars. If this material is not available in your society and you are interested in learning more about mite box calendars or acquiring some free samples, contact vpchristianlife@rmdlwml.org. And may you always remember our mites with funds and prayer for God's great love is what we share!

New Bible Study from CWWMC

Colleen Spahr
VP Christian Life

Imagine being a dinner guest of Jesus! "At Table with Jesus: Mealtime Conversations with the Savior invites us to journey into the Scriptures and take a seat around the meal table where Jesus dines." You can be a part of these unique dining experiences. This seven chapter Bible study, written by LWML Senior Pastoral Counselor Rev. Kristopher Whitby, is available from the LWML store by visiting www.lwml.org and clicking on the "Shop" tab or by calling 800-252-5965. There is a study guide (item # 20417) and a leader guide (item #20418) for \$6.50 each. There will be no shipping charges if you choose to purchase the downloadable PDF version; or you may order the print versions with additional shipping charges.



Rays of SonShine articles needed for the Tidings!

What has your society/zone done that has been successful? All articles and pictures should be sent to tidingseditor@rmdlwml.org

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Serve the Lord with Gladness

Debbie Yocky
Planner

We all have women in our lives that influence us in some way. One of the special women in my life was my mother-in-law, Mary Ann Yocky. As many of you know, Mary Ann passed away suddenly in October.

I was very blessed to have Mary Ann as a mother-in-law. Mary Ann never criticized or gave unsolicited advice. That's not to say she didn't have opinions, but she waited to be asked before sharing them. Mary Ann was an encourager—her letters and calls brightened the days of many people, including my children. Are you an encourager? Do you let people know when you appreciate them or they have done a good job. Can you be the person that brightens the day of a woman who is homebound or slowing down. Are you praying for the leaders of your society, zone and district? Send them an email or a card to let them know. What a blessing that would be to someone in leadership.

Mary Ann lived a life of service. She had been involved with the LWML at many of the congregations she and Gilbert belonged to over the years and Immanuel Lutheran in Loveland was no exception. She frequently served in leadership positions, quilted, knitted and sewed. Her hands were always busy. When I decided to make a quilt for my daughter, Mary Ann arrived just in time to see the project to completion. I sewed and sewed, while Mary Ann pinned and pressed, cooked and cleaned my house and played with my children. That is the only quilt I ever completed. She didn't take over the project; she just supported me and encouraged me so completely I could not fail. Her example as a wife and mother is a tough act to follow. My kitchen was always cleaner and smelled more inviting when Mary Ann was visiting. Are you using your abilities to serve the Lord? Can you come alongside a younger woman in your congregation and mentor her? Teach her how to do some of the tasks you do so well. Don't keep all the knowledge and skill you have to yourself.

In the Sunday morning women's Bible class that I teach we have been studying Mary and Martha. Martha was a worker—she was always busy. She came to Jesus annoyed that her sister was sitting at Jesus' feet listening while she was doing all the work. We can often feel like Martha—overwhelmed by all we have to do. Our service to the Lord should never become an obstacle to our relationship to the Lord. How do we do that? Start with prayer. Make time for Bible study and fellowship. Encourage others to get involved. Even hard work is more fun with someone to share it with.

Mary Ann never expected me to do all the things she did so well. We all have different skills and interests. Each of us is equipped by God to serve in the way he has called us. Some of us teach, some lead, some serve. No matter what you do—singing in the choir, babysitting children, quilting, cooking, teaching Bible class or visiting shut ins—do everything to glorify God.

As we begin a new year, focus on Serving the Lord with Gladness. Think about the ways you can be an encourager or a mentor. Stretch yourself and your LWML group. Try something new. Reach out to the women of your congregation and invite them to an LWML activity or a Bible study. Let your joy in service become contagious.

Out of the Box!



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SALE on "Your Strong Suit" Bible Study— The DVD Bible study

by **Donna Pyle on the armor of God.**

"Your Strong Suit" comes as a DVD with eight lessons and a workbook. You can order it from the LWML store or through the online shopping program. It has been out for a year and has received great reviews and comments. We are going to run a special on it now through January at \$75--down from the usual cost of \$100. Additional workbooks are \$10. If you'd like to save on postage, have your District President pick it up for you at the January Board of Directors meeting in St. Louis.



Jump in with Both Feet! Make a commitment! Give it your all! Take the leap of faith! Decide to attend the 35th Biennial LWML Convention in Pittsburgh, PA, June 27-30, 2013. It will be a splash-ing experience! Look for details in *The Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*—Winter issue or online at www.lwml.org.

