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ARE YOU READY?

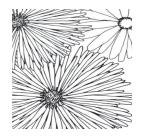
Have you sent in your registration? Do you have your bags packed? Have all of your questions been answered? This issue is packed with the nuts and bolts to get you ready for our district convention in Greeley, Colorado. There are three pages of Frequently Asked Questions, names, photos, and bios of our candidates, a listing of the proposed mission grants, photos and information about special guests and music, and even a photo to remind you about the Gifts From the Heart Ingathering. And now for some last minute requests and more information.

If you enjoy taking photographs and creating videos, **we need you**. We're looking for an individual or two to take pictures and videos through out the convention to record the exciting, fun, and faith filled activities during the weekend. No professional equipment needed, your cell phone will do the trick! If you're interested, please contact Chris Bostron via text at 970–768–1713 or email s.bostron@bresnan.net

Thank you for your participation in the Name the LWML Store and Exhibit Hall contest. The winning name of the LWML Store is....LWML General Store. The winning name of the Exhibit Hall is....LWML Fairground. Congratulations to Linda Harsh for naming both the Store and Exhibit Hall. Linda will receive a \$50 gift certificate to spend at the LWML General Store during the convention.

The Mission Walk will take place across from the convention hotel in Lincoln Park. More information will be available at registration.

This convention is **In His Hands**, and promises to be an exciting time for Fun, Faith, and Fellowship!



Shelley Stewart PRESIDENT

WHAT DO WE DESERVE?

These days there's a lot of talk about "rights" and getting what we're entitled to, what we deserve. Unfortunately, what we deserve isn't great. Romans 6:23 tells us that the wages of sin is death. Who sins? All of us. *All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*. Romans 3:23. Luckily, because of Jesus, we don't get what we deserve. We deserve death and damnation. This is the mercy of God, not giving us what we deserve.

God did the same for Adam and Eve. After the Fall in Genesis 3, God banishes them from the Garden and blocks the way to the Tree of Life, which would make it so they never died. This banishment seems harsh, but it was actually mercy too. Had they eaten from the Tree of Life after they had sinned, they would have forever existed in sin, never being able to get away from it. They had messed up, and they deserved to pay for it forever, but God showed mercy and made sure it wouldn't always be that way.

Romans 3:24 goes on to say and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. Thank God we didn't get what we deserve! Apparently He knows what He's doing, huh?



CONVENTION COORDINATOR

Chris Bostron

SPECIAL WORSHIP MUSIC



Special music at our worship service on Friday night will be bagpiper, David Magruder. Reverend Magruder became pastor at Peace with Christ Lutheran Church, Fort Collins, CO in 2016.

A veteran of the Afganistan War, he also served LCMS congregations in Wyoming, and Minnesota. He is married and has three children. He is pictured here with his son, lain who is also a piper. Pastor Magruder has been playing the bagpipe for 50 years.

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Matt. 5:7

When Jesus spoke these words toward the beginning of His famous sermon on the mount He was introducing a new politic. As king, He had the right to do so. "The Kingdom of Heaven is HERE," he proclaimed in Matt. 4:17. It was to be a kingdom of giving and receiving mercy, both between God and man, and between God's creatures.

Is Jesus really saying that only the merciful will receive mercy? Yes. Because there is only room for King Jesus' politics within His kingdom and His is a politic of abundant mercy. If you're thinking, "easier said than done, pastor," I say, "Amen!" Showing mercv can be hard work for a variety of reasons. Sometimes we might feel as if we have nothing to give. Maybe we're flat broke, living paycheck to paycheck, and don't have an excess of anything. In these times, we need to remember that mercy can be shown without transferring money or goods. Our prayers, our word of forgiveness, our presence, our encouragement, and our co-suffering can all be beautiful, free gifts of mercy. Sometimes showing mercy is difficult because we really don't want to give up the things that may be asked of us. even when we have it to spare. We get possessive with our time, money, and resources. In these times it is important to

remember that nothing we have belongs to us, because in Jesus' Kingdom, everything belongs to Him. We are only stewards, and in Jesus' Kingdom, His stewards are to practice Kingdom stewardship. Sometimes the greatest roadblock to our showing mercy is when we have determined that a particular person doesn't deserve it. In these times we must quickly remember the mercies God and others have shown to us, even when we didn't deserve it.

What do we do with such a difficult task? We commit to doing it. We pray for a merciful Spirit to fill our hearts with love for all creatures, and we obey. Of course this does not mean we will never slip up and fail in showing mercy as we should. In these times. God is merciful to all those who live under the reign of King lesus. It's only those who have persistently and stubbornly rejected the politic of mercy in Jesus' kingdom who have progressively separated themselves from God. For the rest of us, we rejoice in God's boundless mercy toward us, and seek to live more mercifully ourselves every day of our lives under Jesus' reign. Be blessed!



Pastor Duane Meissner

JUNIOR PASTORAL COUNSELOR



Andi Noblitt GOSPEL **OUTREACH VP**

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MISSION GRANTS MITE PROGRESS

		Granted	Paid
	Fostering Faith in the Forest at Lutheran Valley Retreat	\$5,000	\$5,000
	Financial Assistance for CTSFW Food & Clothing Coop	\$5,000	\$5,000
	God Cares About You: Summer Intern Ministry	\$6,000	\$6,000
Andi Noblitt	Trinity HOPE: Feeding Haitian Children	\$5,000	\$5,000
GOSPEL UTREACH VP	Support for the University Lutheran Chapel, Boulder	\$5,000	\$5,000
	LHF: Providing Lutheran Books to the former Soviet Union	\$5,000	\$5,000
	Worker Wellness for LCMS Chaplain Families	\$3,000	\$3,000
	Colorado Mesa University Outreach	\$6,000	\$6,000
	LBT: Old Testament Translation of the Bandi Language	\$8,000	\$8,000
	Lutheran Hispanic Ministry Institute Infrastructure	\$6,000	\$6,000
	Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch: Kruse Memorial Chapel	\$4,000	\$4,000
	LBW: Bringing Spanish Braille Bibles to Central & So. America	\$8,000	\$8,000
	Equipping MOST Ministries Construction& Repair Teams	\$6,000	\$6,000
EMEMBER TO ID MITES TO:	POBLO: Cross_Cultural Outreach Ministry Training to RMD Churches	\$5,000	\$5,000
ONNE STEEBY	Dominican Republic Disability Ministry	\$3,000	\$3,000
LWML RMD TREASURER 20 BOX 1657	TOTAL	\$80,000	\$80,000

MISSION GRANT UPDATE

Lamentations 3:22-23 - The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

I am writing this on the day after Easter so allow me to say Christ has risen - Hallelujah! I am happy to report that we have paid all grants for the 2022-2024 biennium. Thank the Lord and all who have faithfully sent in their mites. They have made a difference! We can truly see the Lord working through the wonderful organizations that we support, and now we are on to the next biennium. We have some exciting new groups requesting support and I'm looking forward to telling everyone about them at the district convention in June. We chose 14 of the grant requests to be placed on the ballot. Please find them on page 13. Discuss them with the members of your groups and your delegates as you prayerfully consider the proposals. Please keep the mites coming so we can be as successful in the next biennium as we were in this one. Thank you for your support and prayers!

MERCY HAS A PLACE IN LEADERSHIP

What does mercy have to do with leadership anyway? Mercy is defined as "compassion or forgiveness shown to someone whom it is within one's power to punish." Forgiveness and compassion are essential to leadership.

When you work with other people sometimes they are unable to fulfill everything they commit to. This can be frustrating when you are in a position of leadership and have to step in to fulfill that obligation. Forgiveness and compassion are necessary in this situation. Sometimes the Lord has other plans and the individual in question is needed at a different place. This is where "mercy" comes into play in leadership. If you try to "punish" or be angry in this situation it may cause this individual to feel that they can't be involved in the future. Having compassion in this situation is helpful in future interactions and success as a whole.

In any group, it is important to work together as a team. You contribute to the best of your ability but you are also affected by the contribution of others. Keep in mind that "punishment " or anger will likely affect the other individual's contribution well into the future. God grants us mercy in our sin and we should grant mercy to others.



Christina Bean

SERVANT RESOURCES VP

SEE YOU AT THE STORE!

Christian Life Resource

The Christian Life Committee has the resources to help you lead a Bible Study. We have a wonderful collection of books that would make a great study for your group. Many of these books have questions that can be used in a study. These books can be loaned to you or your group. Here are some of the titles in our collection:

- Perseverance: Praying through Life's Challenges by Donna Pyle
- Peter...from Fisherman to Fisher of Men by Donna Pyle
- Where Love Abides by Donna Pyle
- Overflowing Abundance by Donna Pyle
- Your Strong Suit by Donna Pyle
- The God of All Comfort by Donna Pyle
- Love Rules: A study of the Ten Commandments by Christina Hergenrader
- Soul Spa: 40 days of Spiritual Renewal by Sharla Fritz
- Waiting: A Bible Study on Patience, Hope, and Trust by Sharla Fritz
- Demystifying the Proverbs 31 Woman by Elizabeth Ahlman
- Living a Chocolate Life by Deb Burma
- Balance: Christ Filled Living by Kay Meyer
- A Work in Progress by Carla Krazl

Interested in one of these titles? Come take a look at them during the District Convention or contact us through <u>christianlife@lwmlrmd.org</u>.



Christie Peebles CHRISTIAN LIFE VP



FAQ'S (FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS)

When does registration open?

Now!!! Don't forget to register early to take advantage of the Early Registration discount.

How much is registration?

Early Registration (postmarked by April 1st) \$125 Registration (after April 1st) \$140 Spouse \$50 Pastors FREE.

CHRIS BOSTRON How do I register?

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The registration form was included in the January Tidings. You may also go to https://www.lwmlrmd.org/convention/ and click on the Registration link to download the form. Your check for the registration fees and meal plan should be made out to LWML RMD. Mail registration form along with your check to: Joey Schilling, 5006 W. Hinsdale Circle, Littleton, CO 80128

Can I register online?

Unfortunately, this is not an option for the 2024 convention, but we hope to make it an option in the future.

After completing registration, will I receive an email confirmation?

Yes. The Registrar will send a letter of confirmation via e-mail or regular mail to all who register by May 1, 2024.

When is the deadline for registration?

Registration deadline is June 1st. Registrations should be mailed 14 days before the convention to ensure that it reaches the Registrar prior to the convention. If you wish to register after this date, you may register onsite at the convention.

Can I attend only one day of the convention? If so, how much is the registration fee?

Yes. You may select either Friday or Saturday on your registration form. The fee for one day is \$50.

What is the cancellation/refund policy for the convention?

Due to room and food commitments, there will be no refunds after June 1, 2024.

How much is the meal plan?

\$130. The meal package includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, Saturday lunch, Saturday Banquet, and Sunday breakfast. We encourage attendees to take advantage of the convenience of eating onsite and to support the District in meeting our financial commitment to the hotel by including the meal plan in your registration.

Can I share the meal plan with someone else?

No. Due to contract requirements with the hotel, meal plans cannot be split between participants.

Can I pay for my meals individually?

No. The meal plan must be reserved as a package.

MORE FAQ'S

How do I request special dietary meal requirements?

On the bottom of the registration form, there is a space to provide dietary restrictions. Please only include restrictions of medical necessity. Food preferences cannot be accommodated.

Do I make my own hotel reservations?

Yes. See details below.

Can I make my hotel reservations online?

Yes. You're welcome to call for reservations or book online. Reservation line: 1-844-570-7816 Booking link: <u>https://group.doubletree.com/ohes9y</u> Group Code: LWM Group rate is \$129 per night. Special group pricing is available beginning Thursday, June 6 through Sunday, June 9, 2024. **The last day to book for the special group rate is Tuesday, May 7, 2024.**

I want to share a room. Will you find me a roommate?

The convention organizers do not have the resources to facilitate roommates. We recommend talking to other women in your Society and/or ask your Zone President if they know of other attendees who you could share with. Be sure to check out the District Website and Facebook page for opportunities to connect with other potential roommates.

What should I bring with me?

- Prayers for God's blessings on this convention and those presenting.
- Prayers for safe travel and thanksgiving for this convention.
- Your reservation and confirmation information.
- Your Bible or Bible app for devotions
- Completed Planner forms (Code of Ethics, Conflict of Interest, and Waiver Release) found on the website at <u>https://www.lwmlrmd.org/resources/.</u> Forms may also be emailed to the Planner prior to the convention.
- Offering money (cash or check) for our two Convention Offerings 2024-2026 Mite Offering and Northern and Northeastern Zone Lutheran Schools
- Funds to get all the fun LWML swag in the LWML Store.
- Ingathering donations (see details at <u>https://www.lwmlrmd.org/convention/</u>under Ingathering)
- Clothing (don't forget a swimsuit so you can take advantage of the pool and hot tub).
- A sweater/jacket/cardigan for the convention assembly room tends to run cool.
- Your Christian kindness.

What should I wear to the convention?

While there is no dress code, traditionally participants have dressed in business casual apparel. The convention rooms are often cool, so we recommend bringing a sweater with you to sessions.

Will coffee be available in the convention during our meetings?

Due to the cost, coffee will be available only at breakfast but you may purchase your own in the cafe' or outside of the hotel.

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CHRIS BOSTRON

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COORDINATOR

EVEN MORE FAQ'S

What goes on at the convention?

The convention includes meetings to conduct LWML Rocky Mountain District business, the chance to hear about the work of the LWML at both District and National levels, Bible studies led by our Pastoral Counselors, two worship services, fellowship opportunities including a Walk for Mites and the banquet with musical entertainment, and more! What many women appreciate most about attending a convention is the opportunity to build relationships with other LWML women.

What is the schedule of the convention?

You will get a detailed schedule when you arrive. Here is a general idea of what to expect:

- Friday morning-registration and Mites Walk, Friday afternoon-first business meeting, Friday evening-Worship service at a local LCMs church,
- Saturday morning-second business meeting, Saturday afternoon-third business meeting and enrichment sessions., Saturday evening-banquet with musical entertainment.
- Sunday morning-fourth business meeting and closing worship.

What are we voting on and who gets to vote?

We will vote on the proposed 2024–2026 Mission Goal and Mission Grant recipients, candidates for offices, and Bylaws Amendments. Voting members are society elected delegates or alternates, voting members of the District Board of Directors, and Past Presidents of the LWML RMD who reside in the district and are current LWML members.

What are the convention offerings supporting?

We will have two convention offerings. One will go towards the 2024-2026 Biennium Mite Goal and the others will go towards supporting five Lutheran schools in the convention host zones (Northern and Northeastern).

Who do I talk to about accomodations in the meeting hall or meeting rooms?

Please DO NOT ASK HOTEL STAFF. They can't make any changes, Please visit with the Convention Coordinator, Chris Bostron, or the District Convention Co-Chair, Nancy Kraft. They can contact the necessary hotel management for any changes such as room temperature, sound or video.

Can I reserve a table at the banquet to sit with my friends?

A few tables are reserved for special guests, all other tables are first come first serve seating. The ballroom doors will open when the banquet begins for all to be seated. Those with dietary considerations will receive a card to designate their plates. Place your card on your place setting for table servers to see.

Will the hotel store my luggage if I check out early on Sunday?

Check out time on Sunday is 12:00 noon. We are hopeful the Convention will conclude prior to noon. However, should you choose to check out sooner, please bring your luggage with you to the General Assembly room where worship and closing ceremonies will be held.

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICES

Vice President of Christian Life

Margaret Blazek

Margaret is from Clovis, NM in the Pecos Zone. She attends Immanuel Lutheran Church where the pastor is Thomas Reeder.

Margaret has been very active in her local society as well as her zone, serving many offices. She is currently serving as Rocky Mountain District Secretary and Pecos Zone Secretary. Margaret is a retired teacher and the organist at her church.

Jo Ann Beegles

Jo Ann is from Durango, CO in the Four Corners Zone. She is an active member at St. Paul's Lutheran Church where Ben Delin is the pastor.

Io Ann has served at the local and zone levels of leadership. She is currently the president of her zone as well as a part of the District Nominating Committee. She serves her church as a substitute organist and has worked in customer service and as an administrative assistant.

Recording Secretary

Susan Herrmann

Sue's home church in Colorado Springs is Rock of Ages Lutheran where Daniel Warner serves as pastor. In the Southern Zone, Sue has served as President, Secretary, and Christian Life Chairman. She has also been very active in serving her local group in the positions of president, vice president, and secretary as well as the Rocky Mountain District as VP of Gospel Outreach and Servant Resources, planner, and convention co-chair. Sue is retired

but finds time to serve her church and community in many ways.



CANDIDATES FOR OFFICES

SUE FRAUENFELD





CANDIDATES FOR OFFICES



Vice President of Communications Christie Peebles

Christie, from Severence, Colorado in the Northern Zone, attends Peace with Christ Lutheran Church where David Magruder is pastor. Christie has been her local society president since January 2012. She has served as the zone president for four years and currently serves the RMD as the VP of Christian Life. Christie has been very active in her church with missions and evangelism as well as leading hand bells and Women's Bible studies.



Christie is currently working as an Associate Professor in Chemical and Biological Engineering at Colorado State University and did community service projects while living in Houston, Texas.

Treasurer

Kristen Shavlik

Kristen is from the Southern Zone in Colorado Springs. She is a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church where Jonathan Kern is the pastor. A new member of LWML at Immanuel, Kristen has been involved with many church related activities including organist and church council member.

Kristen has a PHD in Mathematics from the University of Wyoming and is presently employed as a technical consultant. Additionally, she has maintained her own accounts for the small business she owns.

Ann Hernandez

From the Rio Grande Zone, Ann has served with Vicar Alex Escarga at San Pablo Lutheran Church in El Paso, Texas. She has been involved as president of her local society and was a District and National Heart to Heart Sister.

Ann is the current treasurer of her church and assists in all church activities.

Ann is presently employed as a bookkeeper, tax preparer, and realtor. She also does community service at Ysleta Lutheran Mission.





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Pastoral Counselor

Pastor Kevin Jay Cramm

Pastor Cramm is from Alamorgordo, New Mexico. He is retired, attends Trinity Lutheran Church, and is a Provisional Instructor at the Lutheran Seminary in Yambio South Sudan.

Nominating Committee

Beth Nagy

Beth Nagy from Arvada, Colorado, attends Peace Lutheran Church in the Northern Zone. Her pastors are Guy Roberts and Tim Lindeman. Beth has been very involved in many capacities at the local, zone, district, and national levels. She is retired but remains active in her church.

Susan Avila

From Colorado Springs, Colorado in the Southern Zone, Susan attends Rock of Ages Lutheran Church where Daniel Warner is pastor. She has been very active in her local society, serving as their current president. She has also served at the zone and currently serves at the district level as Archivist/Historian. A retired bookkeeper, Susan stays very active in her church and community.

Marilyn Grasz

Marilyn Grasz, a long time LWML member is from Colorado Springs in the Southern Zone. She attends Immanuel Lutheran Church where Jonathon Kern is pastor. Marilyn is currently president of her group and is the Structure Committee Chair for the District. She has served in many other capacities and is active in serving her church. Marilyn is a retired school librarian.

Cindie Corvin

From Stanley, New Mexico, Cindie is in the Northern New Mexico Zone, attending Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with Phil Spomer as pastor. Cindie has served as president of her local and zone groups, and nominating and mission servants committees at the District. In 2017, Cindie was the National

Convention properties chairman. Cindie is a dental office administrator and has served her church and community in many ways.









LINDA HARSH

MISSION SERVANTS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

GIFTS FROM THE HEART INGATHERING OPPORTUNITIES

The convention is fast approaching! Here's a way for you to participate in our Gifts From the Heart Ingathering even if you are unable to attend convention. Purchase a gift card for Life Choices to assist their client moms. The gift cards should be from stores like Walmart and King Soopers from \$10 to \$20. Please be sure the amount of the card is clearly marked. Mail the cards to my address:

Linda Harsh, 696 Birch St., Broomfield, CO 80020.

The first Baby Bags have already been delivered to the Life Choices Center in Longmont. The ladies from Rock of Ages in Colorado Springs and Beautiful Savior in Broomfield were the early birds. Vedra Clasquin, the director expressed her appreciation for the Baby Bags. While I was delivering them, I was able to catch of glimpse of their ministry when a young woman stopped in requesting a pregnancy test. She was Spanish speaking, and their conversation went back and forth via cell phone translation. Our Gifts From the Heart Baby Bags and Gift Cards will be split between the Longmont and Loveland centers.

We are also gathering Teacher Kits, and new underwear & socks for Orphan Grain Train. Please check out the March issue of Tidings or the convention information on our website, lwmlrmd.org for complete descriptions of all four ingathering opportunities. Can't wait to see you at convention!



Nancy Kraft

CHAIRMAN

CONVENTION CO-

SHARE THE WORD

What are you doing with all the devotional and Bible study books you have read? Are they collecting dust? Are they piled in a box or sitting on a shelf? Why not share them!

Bring them to the LWML RMD 2024 Convention in Greeley!

We will have tables available. You can donate the books and/or

exchange them for something you may want to take home. FREE! Don't have a book, you can still take a book! Did I say Free....Yes!! No donation necessary...we want to Share the Word with everyone! Visit us in the Exhibit Hall.

*Left over books will be donated.

2024-2026 MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS

Delegates from around the Rocky Mountain District will have an opportunity to vote on and choose the grants that the LWML RMD will fund in the next biennium. The members of the Mission Grants Committee will present these on Friday, June 7th at the convention. There will also be further information contained in your convention manual. Some of these may be familiar from mission grants funded in the past. Ministries to those in the Rocky Mountain District as well as to people in the United States, Honduras, Ghana, Congo, and Haiti are among the countries which have requested consideration for mission grants. Gospel Outreach VP, Andi Noblitt, asks that you to consider these prayerfully, share them in your groups, and send your delegates to the convention with your preferences.

Recommended Award



ANDI NOBLITT GOSPEL OUTREACH VP

Mt. Zion Lutheran, Boulder, CO	\$5,000		
Concordia Lutheran Radio Ministry in Jacmel, Sud-Est, Haiti	\$5,000		
Concordia Seminary Food Bank/Re-Sell It Shop	\$5,000		
Concordia University Acts 1:8 Fund	\$6,500		
CTSFW Food and Clothing Co-op	\$5,000		
Kitchen Renovation at God Cares About You	\$8,000		
Mission Evangelical Luterana Confesionalen Honduras	\$6,500		
Lutheran Heritage Foundation Bible Books for Ghana's Children			
	\$5,000		
Lutheran High School Missions (LuHi)	\$8,000		
MOST Ministries Feet on the Ground	\$6,000		
Orphan Grain Train Colorado West Collection Center Shipping			
Container	\$5,000		
Redeemer Lutheran School Scholarship	\$5,000		
Set Apart to Serve LCMS Office of Pastoral Education	\$5,000		
Updating Math Curriculum and Manipulatives Trinity Lutheran			
	\$5,000		
Total	\$80,000		

Grant Title



Carol Hurley A HAPPENING IN THE DISTRICT

A SPECIAL CELEBRATION

In January, Trinity Lutheran Church in Cortez, Colorado held a special coffee hour to honor a long time member. Gabe Bloedel who has served the preschool and the LWML at Trinity was celebrated for becoming a United States citizen. The members at Trinity are proud and happy for her accomplishment.



FOUR CORNERS ZONE

Sue Giddings TIDINGS EDITOR ZONE NEWS

LIVE AS YOU ARE CALLED

The women at Zion Lutheran Church in Farmington, NM hosted 25 ladies from Cortez, Gallup, Durango, and Navajo for a spring rally. In the morning Pastor Gary Bickner led a devotion and Bible study based on I Corinthians 7:17-24 and I Peter 2: 16-25. Durango President, Linda Scott presented the quilt/banner that she designed to be carried in the processional opening of the District convention. After lunch attendees were gifted with soil, pots, and seeds to plant their own zinnias. They also spent time making cards to take home.







FALL RALLY SCHEDULE

DATE	ZONE	LOCATION
August 24, 2024	Pecos Zone	Carlsbad, NM
September 7, 202	Rio Grande	Alamogordo, NM
September 14, 2024	Northern New Mexico	Las Lunas, NM
	Western	
September 21, 2024	Four Corners	Gallup, NM
	Northeastern	Sterling, CO
September 28, 2024	Northern	Loveland, CO
October 5, 2024	Southern	Canon City, CO
October 12, 2024	South Central	
October 19, 2024	North Central	Wheatridge, CO



FALL RALLY SCHEDULE



MEET JACKIE MARCHETTI

In our March/April issue of Tidings, Chris Bostron shared information on two of our convention interest session leaders, Carol von Soosten, LWML Gift Planning counselor, and Karen Morrison, LWML Vice President of Gospel Outreach. In this issue we are highlighting our third interest session leader, Jackie Marchetti.

What do we need in our Christian lives to keep us motivated towards our main goal in life? The goal to gain Christ, to know Christ, to be in fellowship with Christ? We all need a spark to ignite us when we feel all wet and put out. Jackie's session on **A Spark Word** will help you keep motivated to continue pressing on in your spiritual life. Join Jackie and your Sisters in Christ to find your word and create a **SPARK** token as a reminder of His Love. Jackie Marchetti lives with her wonderful husband of 47 years on a tiny farm in Gypsum, CO with cows and chickens and all sorts of furry friends and a good-sized garden. She has a passion for the Word of God and has loved teaching Bible Studies for the past 30 years in many venues. Jackie is very active serving at Grace Fellowship in Gypsum, CO bringing laughter and joy to those she meets. She helps care for her mom of 97 years and her sister with Alzheimer's. She also loves to buy fabric to someday make quilts.



Nancy Kraft

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Philippians 4:7

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