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TIDINGS

Lutheran Women in Mission Rocky Mountain District



The 2013 LWML convention in Pittsburgh was AWESOME!!!



1st timers attending the convention.



President Carol adding water from the Rio Grande and Las Animas Rivers to the fountain



RMD Unsung Hero, Ruth Eberly, honored at the convention

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Carol's Corner

LWML RMD 2012-2014 Vision Statement



Reach
Everyone
As
Christ's
Hands



By the time you are reading this article, the 35th Biennial LWML Convention in Pittsburgh will be a fond memory. Your LWML RMD delegates will have been “**Quenched!** by the **Water**” and **Fed** by the **Word**.

Because this issue was being published right as the convention ended, this issue won't include pictures or news from convention. (Look for those items in the September issue.) In this issue, we'll focus on reminders for deadlines and events coming in the fall and winter, like **mission grant proposals** and **nominations for officers** – both due **December 1**. We'll encourage you to look for a Young Woman Representative from your zone to attend the 2014 LWML RMD Convention, and we'll remind you to include teens when you talk up the convention because we want them there too!

As we look ahead to September and October, LWML RMD is making plans for gatherings in each zone around our district. We'll be sharing information about what is coming next year at our RMD convention and what is new in LWML.

Won't you make plans to attend a zone event or rally to reconnect with sisters in Christ and be refreshed and re-focused? Look for the schedule of zone events on page 5.

Finally, I want to thank all of you in the LWML RMD for making and keeping the commitment to our mission grants. We made it a goal that during this biennium, we wouldn't wait until the final months leading up to March 31, 2014 to push hard for mite support. Instead, we wanted to focus on daily, prayerful, intentional support. Check out the mission grant update on page 4 to see how God has blessed your efforts and how many programs are benefiting from that support.

Let's keep reaching out to those around us with the message of God's love in words and in deeds and to God be the glory!

Joy in His Service,
Carol von Soosten

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

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Are you thirsty?

For those living in the arid west, water is life. Where water is plentiful, plants grow in abundance. But where water is scarce, or when drought leaves the land dry and parched, the plants shrivel and the land burns up. The land thirsts for water.

Are you thirsty?

So it is with our lives as Christians. So often, we find ourselves thirsting for more. Thirsting for job security, for health, for wellness; thirsting for friends and family to love and support us; thirsting for meaning in our relationships and in our lives. Thirsting, without even knowing what we're thirsting for.

In John 4, we read about a woman who was thirsting. Her life was a mess of divorce and adultery. She was alone at the well, in the middle of the day to avoid other people, searching for water to quench her thirst. She was searching, until Jesus came to her, offering her a water to quench even the deepest thirst.

[Jesus said,] "Whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." John 4:14

The woman heard the word and believed. That water of life, which only Jesus could give, became in her a spring of water, covering her sins - yes! even those sins which only she knew - and granting her eternal life. So the woman went into town, telling everyone she saw about this Jesus, the man who gave her living water. (John 4:28-29)

Are you thirsty?

Jesus came to the woman at the well, giving her a water to quench all thirst.

Seeing our thirst and seeing our sin, our Savior stretched Himself out upon the cross to pour out that living water upon us. Through His death and resurrection, He has washed us clean of all our sins, and granted us everlasting life. Our thirst is quenched as water and Word become a raging flood of forgiveness at the Baptismal font.

Are you thirsty? Like the woman at the well, we've been quenched. And like her, we share the good news with others, that Jesus gives us water which leads to eternal life.

Water is life. And through Jesus, we have it in abundance.

Are You Thirsty?

Pastor Schultz
Junior Pastoral Counselor

And He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers unto His harvest." Luke 10:2

Attention young women!

It is time to participate in the harvest!

Join us for the 2014 Rocky Mountain District Convention in Northglenn, Colorado. June 20-22. 2014!

Applications will be available at www.lwmlrmd.org starting August 1, 2013.

Zone YWR
2014

Know Your Mission Grants

Mission Grant Recipients for the 2012-2014 Biennium

	<u>Granted</u>	<u>Paid</u>
Training African Pastors for Gospel Outreach in Africa	\$ 7,000	\$ 3,000
Trinity/HOPE Haiti	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Religious Life Curriculum Illustration Costs	\$ 8,000	\$ 6,000
Sunday Sermons for the Zulu of South Africa	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000
Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Food Bank	\$ 7,000	\$ 3,000
Rocky Mountain District – Debt Assistance	\$ 7,500	\$ 4,000
Concordia Early Childhood Learning Center	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Concordia Seminary Graduate School		
International Student Support	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,000
Outreach Resource Centers	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,000
Support for University Lutheran Chapel – Boulder, CO	\$ 6,000	\$ 0
Helping Blind People See Jesus	\$ 4,000	\$ 0
God's Word in Their Heart Language – Teaching the Mende to Read Scriptures	\$ 4,450	\$ 0
Fostering Faith in the Forest	\$ 3,000	\$ 0
	<u>\$72,450</u>	<u>\$33,000</u>

Judy Piepkorn
VP Gospel Outreach



Mission Grant Update

Judy Piepkorn,
VP Gospel Outreach

Lutheran Valley Retreat – Fostering Faith in the Forest

Fostering Faith in the Forest, recently funded Mission Grant #13, will use the funding provided to help young people learn of God's incredible love for them. Angela Johnson of Lutheran Valley Retreat writes that, LVR partners with King's Team based in Aurora, CO to bring teenage foster children to camp. On paper, these young people should have nothing to be happy about. One young man had been placed in foster care due to parental abuse and was removed from the first placement in a foster home due to abuse he received from the foster parents. Yet, he was able to smile while playing volleyball at camp. During daily devotions by LVR staff, he heard of the merciful Father who loves him unconditionally. And we as *Lutheran Women in Mission* pray that the Word of God takes root and grows in the heart of this young man and others like him who do not know the Lord.

Last summer 40 students and 20 volunteer chaperones came to LVR for a week in God's creation. Some of these same children will return for another week of camp this summer. Many of the same chaperones and counselors will strengthen their relationships with the teens as they play games and praise our Father in heaven. Angela thanks the LWML for the gifts given to keep camp fees as low as possible for the purpose of giving these precious youth a week at camp where again they will be exposed to the love of Christ through the beauty of God's creation, loving counselors and chaperones and the mighty Word of God. Please pray for God to bless the recipients of this mission grant.

Fall Rally Schedule

Here are the dates and locations of the fall rallies in each zone. (We'll update you if Eastern High Plains schedules a rally.) Please mark the date and plan to **ATTEND** your zone's gathering and consider going to one of the other locations. Guests are always welcome! Invite a friend along for a special time of Bible study and encouragement.

Sept 7 - Northern New Mexico, Good Shepherd, Edgewood, NM

Sept 14 - Pecos, Grace, Hobbs, NM

Western, Immanuel, Paonia, CO

Sept. 21 - South Central, Immanuel, Englewood, CO

Southern, Rock of Ages, Colorado Spring, CO

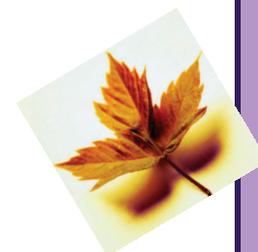
Sept. 28 - Four Corners, Zion, Farmington, NM

Oct. 5 - North Central, Summit of Peace, Thornton, CO

Oct. 12 - Northern, Peace with Christ, Fort Collins, CO

Oct. 19 - Northeastern, Calvary, Wray, CO

Nov. 2 - Rio Grande, San Pablo, Ysleta Lutheran Mission, El Paso, TX



Fall Rally Planning

Sylvia Bean
VP Servant Resources

Are you in charge of planning your zone's Fall Rally? Are you the host society? What happens now?

An easy solution to organizing and planning a fall rally is encompassed in the **Fall Rally Checklist**. This resource is available: on our website at www.lwmlrmd.org under **resources**, each zone president attending the 2013 Board of Directors meeting in February received a copy, or email vpservantresources@lwmlrmd.org. These locations have all the information you'll need from details on inviting a speaker to committees and actions needed for this special day. It's as easy as 1,2,3 and checking off the duties when completed.

Zone Presidents – available to you on the website and given to you at Board of Directors meeting was a copy of a **Fall Rally Script**. Begin now using the sample given you as a template or authoring your own script; the hardest step is beginning. Give yourself adequate time to prepare this document; it will keep you focused during your event and will enable you to be more relaxed during your business meeting because you don't have to "remember" everything and how to say it – **IT'S ALREADY WRITTEN DOWN AND YOU CAN JUST READ IT.**

“GREAT IS THE HARVEST”

And He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers unto His harvest.” Luke 10:2

Now is the time to get your creative juices flowing. Your ideas and designs for the 2014 Rocky Mountain District Convention Banner will soon be requested. Begin this process with prayer asking God to guide you in your ideas and designs knowing that the goal of this convention is in response to God’s love and mercy, and through His direction and guidance we will reach out with the Gospel.

Beth Weber, RMD Public Relations Director



I was talking to my LWML friend, CORNelia, the other day and she said I looked ‘corny’really, can’t she see I’m wheat!

I think she’s jealous...I’m going to have a ‘bushel of fun’ at the LWMLRMD Convention, June 20-22, 2014 in Northglenn, CO.

Summertime Slump

Debbie Yocky
Planner

Summertime can be a time to rest and relax, away from the daily routine of work and school. But when we are out of our routine we can begin to neglect our time with God. Your LWML circle isn't meeting, Sunday morning Bible study is more relaxed. Some Sundays you may not even make it to church or Sunday school.

Don't let the relaxed attitude of summer get in the way of being in the Word daily. Our souls yearn to be "Quenched" with the Word of God. If you are not already receiving Mustard Seeds in your email inbox, take a few minutes to visit the LWML website to sign up. Why not use a Bible study from the *Quarterly* in your morning devotions. You could choose a short book of the Bible-Ruth or one of the Epistles to read through this summer. Whatever you choose, just do it. We need spiritual food all year long.

Out of the Box!



New Resources

Colleen Spahr
VP of Christian Life

New Resources from the LWML Store at www.lwml.org/shop

Inspiration Resources for Events, 2013-14 – 24 months of Christian resources

New Bible Studies :

Every Picture Can Tell God's Story—Winsome Witnessing of Jesus Using Photographs

At Table with Jesus: A Bible Study on Mealtime Conversations with the Savior

Four New Mustard Seed Packets:

Daughters of the King (women of the Bible)

Love, Laughter, and Lullabies (written for new moms)

From Quiet Times to Noisy Love (themes for everyday life)

Water of Life (themes of water in the Bible)

New Bible Study Series by Donna Pyle: 4-5 sessions each at a cost of \$5.00 each

Our Hope and Future, based on Jeremiah 29:11-12 -Catalog #68940

Love's Priceless Gift, based on John 3:16 - Catalog #68941

Unveiled Faces, based on 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 - Catalog #68942

Faith or Famine, based on Hebrews 11:1,6 - Catalog #68943

Facedown Worship, based on Psalm 95:6-7 - Catalog #68944

I Surrender!, based on Psalm 139:23-24 - Catalog #68945

One Extraordinary Night, based on Luke 2:8-14 - Catalog #68946

No Stranger in the Manger, based on Matthew 2:2,10-11 - Catalog #68947

Select items will be available to purchase at your Fall Rally.

Check out the Christian Life and Devotion webpages of our district website
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Your Strong Suit Bible Study on God's Armor by Donna Pyle Is Available for Lending

The LWML RMD copy of the workbook and the DVD (a \$100 value) is again available for lending. The Bible study is based on Ephesians 6:10-18.

The cost to you is return postage and more copies of the individual workbooks. Individual workbooks can be purchased from the LWML Store at www.lwml.org for \$10.00 each (item # 68931). The last group to borrow it commented, "Our ladies really enjoyed this study." Please contact Colleen Spahr vpchristianlife@lwmlrmd.org if you are interested.

