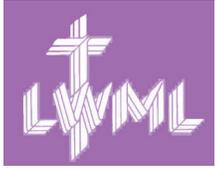


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Gleanings From Sylvia



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The Time is Now!

We had our Convention – **Great is the Harvest** – and now we are back in the “fields.” Where do we go from here? It’s now time for our fall rallies, preparing for LWML Sunday, remembering our mission grant recipients with our prayers and mites, being in Bible study and fellowship. How do we take our mountain top experiences from convention and put them to use every day? One of the focuses at our rallies will be **“The Time is Now!”** **The time is now** to serve the Lord with our gifts and talents to help share the Gospel with those around us – how do we do that? Has someone asked you to serve or run for a society office? What about a zone office? Or serve on a district committee? **The time is now** to say a

prayer asking for God’s wisdom and guidance as you deliberate an invitation to serve. Is it scary on that limb of office/service all by yourself? Oh wait, you’re not alone – God’s there with you – holding you up and providing the support you need to carry out your task. (Isaiah 41:10) God takes us with all our “warts”. He equips us with the gifts we’ll need to serve one another. He’s got the rest!

I love the story of Elijah, who was frustrated, angry and discouraged – “just kill me now” was his response – but God had a better plan and provided the spiritual and physical uplifting care, compassion, and encouragement needed for Elijah to continue the work of the Lord. 1Kings 19:4-9. So I pray for you,

LWML sisters, that **The Time is Now** for you to step out in faith to serve your Lord, knowing that the Lord will provide all you need to complete His work.

Let none hear you idly saying, “There is nothing I can do,” while the souls of men are dying and the Master calls for you. Take the task He gives you gladly, let His work your pleasure be. Answer quickly when He calleth, “Here am I send me, send me!”

(Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying TLH p. 496 v. 4)
In His service with you,
Sylvia

Luke 10:2 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 laborers into His harvest.”

A Time of God's Grace

*Pr. Mark Nierman
Junior Pastoral Counselor*



In an old 1950's movie starring Humphrey Bogart and Peter Lorre called "Beat the Devil," Lorre's character contemplates the subject of time. "Time. Time. What is time? Swiss manufacture it. French hoard it. Italians squander it. Americans say it is money. Hindus say it doesn't exist. Do you know what I say? I say time is a crook."

Yikes! Quite a pessimistic view. But his musings are worth pondering for a moment. Though we live in time, and certainly are aware of it, not everyone views or appreciates the concept of time in the same way. "Make the most of your time! Seize the day!" That is the mantra of many, but everyone has a different view of how this is done.

Our sinful nature wants us to believe that the best use of our time is to gratify the desires of our sinful nature. To our sinful nature, seizing the day means only living for the self, as Titus 3:3 describes saying, "At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another."

At the recent Rocky Mountain District Convention of the LWML President Kay Kreklau introduced us to the theme, "Now is the time" based on 2 Corinthians 6:2, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation."

What is this time which the Apostle Paul is speaking about? It is the time in which God is sending out the Gospel into the whole world. It is the season in which

God calls sinners to repentance and announces to them His forgiveness poured out through Christ Jesus. This was good news for the Corinthians. It is also good news for us. We live in this wonderful time!

Though our sinful nature has struggled and fought only for what gratifies the self, thinking that time was ours to squander, God in His mercy has stepped into our time and redeemed us from our futile way of living. Romans 5:6 declares, "You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly." God declares that He has seized us! He has purchased and won us from sin, death, and the devil. With His own precious blood he bought us, and He has marked us as His own through the waters of Holy Baptism. We rejoice that through His Word He continually calls us to repentance and faith. We give thanks that He bids us to come to His table that we may eat his body and drink his blood in the Sacrament of the Altar. The time of God's favor has been shown to us, and continues to be revealed through His Word and Sacrament.

As the recently elected Jr. Pastoral Counselor of the LWML Rocky Mountain District, I look forward to time spent with you. We are truly blessed to live in this time receiving God's gifts through the Means of Grace. As God's people who know the time of God's favor in Christ Jesus, we have a wonderful opportunity to share this good news with others. May we use the time we have been given to His glory.

Mission Grant Recipients for the 2014—2016 Biennium

Judy Delve
VP Gospel Outreach

	<u>Granted</u>	<u>Paid</u>
Kingdom Kids	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,500
University Lutheran Chapel, Boulder, CO	\$ 6,000	\$ 0
Orphan Grain Train Collection Center—CO West	\$ 5,000	\$ 0
Rocky Mountain District – Debt Assistance	\$ 7,500	\$ 0
Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne, Food and Clothing Co-op	\$ 7,500	\$ 0
Hispanic Ministry Northeast Colorado	\$ 5,000	\$ 0
Roadrunner for Christ, Inc.	\$ 5,000	\$ 0
Ysleta—Mariachi San Pablo	\$ 8,000	\$ 0
Revitalizing the Mission at Navajo, New Mexico	\$ 7,000	\$ 0
Biblical Orthodox Lutheran Mission	\$ 6,000	\$ 0
Trinity/HOPE—Haiti	\$ 5,000	\$ 0
Project: Pastoral Education, West Africa	\$ 6,000	\$ 0
Mission Central, near Mapleton, Iowa	\$ 5,500	\$ 0
	<u>\$76,500</u>	<u>\$ 2,500</u>

The time is now! So we are reminded not only by our LWML leader, President Kay, but by everyday happenings around us, in our families; in our churches, in our jobs. Record that memory of playing in the backyard the last time the grandchildren were over; visit that elderly church member before that possibility crumbles and you attend her funeral instead; let your co-worker know it is Jesus in your life that makes a difference, not the raise after the last performance evaluation.

The time is now! Our first Mission Grant recipient for the 2014-16 biennium – Kingdom Kids -will have received (by this publication date) \$2500. These funds provide opportunities for 20 “kids” whose families otherwise could not financially provide it, to experience a week of camp at Lutheran Valley Retreat. The other \$2500 will be allocated in 2015 for that camp year.



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

Her address is:

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Beth Nagy, Treasurer
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Louisville, CO 80027



The Time is Now!

Colleen Spahr
VP Christian Life



The Time is NOW to invite someone to Bible study!

One of the best ways to involve someone in LWML is to invite them to a Bible study. It's a way to be connected to our Triune God and other women. The LWML has many to choose from at the LWML Store

www.lwml.org or call 800-252-5965. *At Table with Jesus* is an in-depth study of Jesus at mealtime. You'll want to get both the study guide and the leader guide. *Mountain Top Journeys with Jesus* includes seven journeys with Jesus, based on the experiences of an LCMS missionary. *Whatever...Keeping Your Heart in Tune with Whatever Life Brings* has practical advice for your life. There is also a teen edition of this Bible study. Donna Pyle's

DVD and workbook Bible studies on the feeding of the 5,000 and the armor of God can be borrowed from the LWML Rocky Mountain District Christian Life Department. Donna also has eight Bible studies of four to five sessions each that can be purchased from the LWML Store for \$5.00 each. These studies and information for ordering them can be found at www.lwmlrmd.org on the Christian Life webpage. Past Bible studies from *Lutheran Women's Quarterly* can be found on the LWML website at www.lwml.org/bible-studies/quarterly. Please contact me at vpchristianlife@lwmlrmd.org, if you have any questions.

WWW

Judy Gordan
Christian Resources Editor

Wanted Willing Writers!

WWW.....what could those initials possibly represent? The answer: WANTED WILLING WRITERS! LWML and the Rocky Mountain District are looking for women who have an interest in and affinity for writing to submit original materials that can be offered in the Program Helps section of the LWML catalog. Some of these resources may also be made available on the LWML website.

Would you like to try your hand at writing an original Devotion, Sketch, Litany, Bible Study or Retreat? Resources in all these areas are welcome and there are certainly plenty of topics to choose from! Seasonal, holiday and special events with the church are always needed, as well as areas of specialized ministries. One of these areas of specialized ministry would apply to our young women, espe-

cially our teens. We in the Rocky Mountain District are greatly in need of Devotions and Bible study materials that would appeal to that age group and enrich their relationship with their Lord. If you are interested in writing some original material for LWML, you will find some program helps available online www.lwml.org. Or, you may contact your Rocky Mountain District Christian Resources Editor at:

christianresed@lwmlrmd.org. Your Christian Resources Editor will be happy to provide you with Writer's Guidelines and answer any questions that you might have. This is your opportunity to share your God-given talent with LWML and women across the country, so take up your pen or your keyboard ladies, and WRITE for the LORD!



What is Your Spiritual Gift?

*Darlene Markle,
VP Servant Resources*

The mission of the LWML is to assist each woman of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

With that reminder, do you know what your spiritual gifts are? Have you ever studied what the Bible says and how we are to use our gifts? Learning them is step one. Using them is step two. If you have ever wondered what gifts God has given you, you will just love this resource! These gifts are God’s wonderful plans for you to use to bring others to Him! Plan a workshop with the ladies in your congregation and invite friends. Learn all you can and you will see what a gift YOU are to God!

Go to www.lwml.org and click on the “Resource” tab at the top, then click on “Developing Leaders”. Scroll down to “More resources available here”. Near the bottom of the list you will see, “Gifted for Service”. This is a free download so you may make as many copies as you need.

Here’s a thought provoking anagram, (just look at the words that fell from the word, relationship).

RELATIONSHIP

Spirit, Person, Son

also

LEARN THE ONE PERSONAL
PLAN TO HIS SON

Continue touching lives and allow God to use you well everyday.



Our District is blessed to have 11 scholarship recipients this year. Each student has received their first semester installment of \$250, and are studying at one of our synodical universities or seminaries. Please remember all these young people in your prayers this school year, as they prepare to serve the Lord.

Karina Schlect Teacher
Immanuel, Loveland, CO
Junior at Concordia University Saint Paul

Elizabeth Pflieger Teacher
Immanuel, Albuquerque, NM
Freshman at Concordia University-Portland

Grace Hollenbeck Teacher
University Hills, Denver, CO
Senior at Concordia University-Seward

Claire Hoy Teacher
Peace with Christ, Fort Collins, CO
Senior at Concordia University—Seward

Christa Groeling DCE
Christ, Albuquerque, NM
Freshman at Concordia University-Seward

Julie Friedrichs DCE
Peace, Arvada, CO
Freshman at Concordia University-Seward

Timothy “David” Lindeman DCE
Peace, Arvada, CO
Senior at Concordia University-Seward

Jacob Rasmussen Teacher
Christ, Albuquerque, NM
Junior at Concordia University-Seward

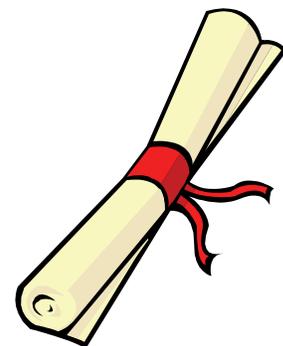
Joshua Vanderhyde Pastor
University Hills, Denver, CO
2nd year Concordia Seminary

Taylor Reed Teacher
Trinity, Greeley, CO
Junior Concordia University-Wisconsin

Benjamin Vanderhyde Pastor
University Hills, Denver, CO
Junior at Concordia University-Wisconsin

As you can see, we have students from Colorado and New Mexico hoping to become Teachers, Directors of Christian Education, and Pastors (even a set of brothers)! In a later Tidings, we will highlight each of these students with pictures. Also please remember we can make the fund self-supporting by donating to the Scholarship Endowment Fund through our District Treasurer; please consider a special donation from your society this year.

Jeanne Ostermann



Salt Lake City Convention Host Committee Update



2017 LWML Convention Salt Lake City will be reality in a mere 22 months! What an awesome privilege we have to serve on the Host Committee and to be God's shining lights to the people in the Salt Lake City community.

As one of the four districts hosting this convention, we have been asked to raise funds for the Host Committee expenses: \$5,000 per district which breaks down to \$85 per society. You're no doubt asking, "What are these expenses and what are we supporting?" Very good questions and I'll outline the answers for you.

- Booth space at the Des Moines Convention in 2015 - \$475. Volunteers from the four districts will be working in this booth to promote the SLC Convention in 2017.
- T-shirts that will be sold prior and during convention. The profit from these sales will help pay for other Host Committee expenses.
- Special dress (shirts, hats, ribbons, buttons) which distinguishes Host Committee workers.

- Dinner for 100+ people (Board of Directors (BOD), Convention Planning Committee(CPC), Executive Committee (EC), and Host Committee (HC) members in January/February of convention year.
- Publicity expenses for exhibit space at synodical conventions or any other gathering where the SLC Convention is promoted.
- Favors, gifts, and other public relations materials given out at LWML BOD, CPC, EC meetings.

Please lead the pre-convention fundraising activities in your congregation. Let your fellow members know that you and hundreds of workers from the Utah-Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, and Rocky Mountain Districts will have the privilege of serving on the SLC Host Committee, and that you covet their prayers and appreciate, and are counting on, their financial support.

Blessings to each of you!

Lois Anderson, Chairman
2017 LWML Convention SLC"

"The minimum donation is \$85 per society. That is all! But more is better to help the societies that are smaller and are not able to raise the \$85. All donations are due to the Rocky Mountain District Treasurer, Beth Nagy, no later than November 1, 2015. You can use the Treasurer Remittance Form found on our website www.lwmlrmd.org under the Resources Tab, then the Treasurer link. On the memo line of your check and on the Remittance Form, please list 2017 SLC Host Committee Expense Fund as to where the money should be credited. Have the funds available now? Send them in!!! Again, **\$85 is the minimum donation per society. THAT IS ALL!!!"**

How You Can Help Raise Money for the SLC Convention 2017

Ladies of the LWML RMD, we have partnered with Goodshop so that now you can feel great about your online shopping. Goodshop gives you the best coupons for thousands of stores like Target, Apple, Amazon, Petco and more. **But most importantly** a percentage of what you spend on virtually every purchase is donated to our cause- **Lutheran Womens Missionary League - Rocky Mountain District**. These donations will go to help with our portion of the 2017 SLC Convention Host Committee Expense Fund. **PLUS** with Goodshop for iPhone and iPad, you can shop, save, and give on the go. Online security a concern to you with Goodshop? You sign up with Goodshop, they do not ask for your financial information; the store you shop with asks for your credit card. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!



Here is Another Way to Raise Funds....

"My society is Shepherd of the Hills in Ruidoso, NM. For a number of years we have raised funds with a booth at our local Oktoberfest. We sell German goodies such as strudel, scones and warmed pretzels and also take the opportunity to let the community know about Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. Our second fund raiser occurs during an ACBL Sectional Bridge Tournament. Our members serve as "caddies" at the tournament and are rewarded with a nice check for a weekend of pleasant work." Henrietta McCully

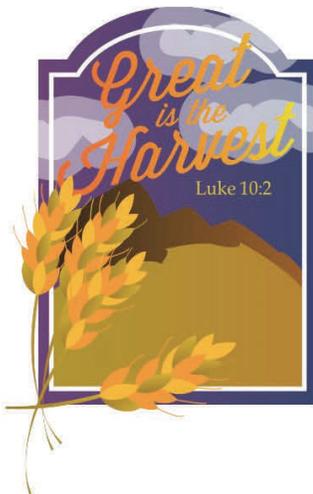


Fall Rallies 2014

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| August 23 – | Pecos Zone, Immanuel, Carlsbad |
| September 6 - | Northern Zone, Mount Hope, Boulder |
| September 13 - | Northern New Mexico, Immanuel, Albuquerque |
| | Western Zone, Our Saviour, Vernal, Utah |
| September 20 – | Four Corners Zone, Trinity, Gallup |
| | Southern Zone, Bethany, Pueblo |
| September 27 – | North Central Zone, Wheat Ridge Lutheran,
hosted by Bethlehem Lutheran |
| | South Central Zone, Redeemer, Denver |
| October 4 - | Northeastern Zone, St. Paul, Julesburg |
| October 18 - | Rio Grande Zone, Ascension, El Paso |



YWR Musings on the 2014 Convention



My Top 5

As one of the Pecos Zone Young Women Representatives to the 2014 LWML Rocky Mountain District convention I had the wonderful opportunity to participate in a weekend full of faith, fellowship, and new friendships. I was able to worship with hundreds of other believers, share many delicious meals, witness how a group as large as LWML works and attend two enrichment sessions. One of the sessions that I chose to attend was about purpose and how we can put our God given talents to use in God's harvest field. During this session Sandy Wendelin talked about using our own "Top 5" favorite things to do as a way not only to get to know other people but also how we can put our own interests to work for God. I thought I would explain my convention experience by listing my Top 5 for the 2014 LWML RMD Convention.

1. Friday night worship service at Gethsemane- Coming from a small congregation of about 45 worshipers on any given Sunday I knew that a worship service with almost 300 people would be fun. I had no idea how awesome it would be until we started singing the first hymn I was basically yelling (I am usually a reserved singer) and I couldn't hear myself sing! I have never been surrounded by so many other people who love Jesus and were praising His name for all to hear. It was a great start to the convention.

2. Donna Pyle's Bible study- When I saw in the program that Donna would be leading the whole convention in a Bible study I was curious as to how effective it would be for such a large group, as I have only ever attended Bible studies with a dozen or less people. I was blown away by how informative and interesting her format and message was. We actually got our Bibles out and referenced other passages to help elucidate the meaning of the convention's theme verse. It was a great change from my normal Bible study format and I learned a lot in a short time.

3. Meeting so many other Lutheran Women! Having not been a lifelong Lutheran, (I was raised Catholic and converted when I was 19) coupled with being a member at small congregations, I have not had very many opportunities to meet and share with other Lutheran women, especially not of my age. It was encouraging and refreshing to meet so many other women my age. We are the future, and it helped to reaffirm my desire to go and do great things for Him!

4. Mission Grants- Ever since my first LWML society meeting I knew that the women of LWML do great things not only for the nation but for the world as well with mites. I was overwhelmed when I learned how much our district is able to give in grants alone! It was encouraging and inspiring to think about how many lives are affected and improved with such a fun organization!

5. Passion- Over the course of only 3 days I met dozens of women who smiled, hugged and encouraged me in my journey with the Lord.

Truly edifying- there aren't many other ways to describe the experience that I had at the convention. It was incredible to see the passion that the LWML ladies had for the Lord and their missions for Him. Everywhere I looked I was greeted with smiles and hugs, and I never lacked for conversation. I learned so much about LWML during such a short time, and I was ignited with a desire to take all that I learned back to my home congregation, society and life and hopefully help others to learn and do more.

I can't thank the ladies of the Pecos Zone LWML enough for enabling me to have such an incredible experience. God is Great!

Emilee Bauder

What is Your Purpose?

I wasn't certain what I was in for when I agreed to be the Young Woman Representative for my zone's LWML. I was looking forward to learning more about what the LWML actually does; when I registered to go to the convention, I had attended only two meetings on our society level. Even having attended those two meetings, I hadn't really understood much of what the ladies in my church did, let alone what these Lutheran women did on a zone, district, or national level.

I'd like to relate a bit about the experience that I had while at this year's convention in Denver. First a little background. I was blessed to have been born into a practicing and active Christian family, and I was often volunteered to volunteer in various church programs growing up. My participation in this convention, however, was one of just a few times that I have felt a part of something that both enriched my life and relationship with God, as well as providing entertaining fellowship with Lutheran women. At times it's difficult to remember that we all have a purpose outside our everyday worldly lives. This convention with the LWML ladies reminded me that God calls each of us according to His purpose although we may not understand it at the time, and that He continuously pours out blessings on us as we take the opportunity to work together to benefit others.

There were a few things that, even a month later, I can recall being particularly moving and meaningful for me in addition to being able to work and relax with

the other YWRs. We were able to worship at a church in Denver on Friday night of the convention, and the sound of three hundred Christians singing praises to God was one of the most powerful moments for me. The Bible study led by Donna Pyle was another activity which I enjoyed tremendously. The focus on one verse (Luke 10:2) seemed at first to be too constrained – how would we ever study one verse for the entire two hours? But the experiences that Donna shared with us and the depth of study left me wishing that there was more time to devote to this examination. One last thing (although there are many more that I could share!) was the enrichment session that was led by Pastor Anderson on “Mercy! What We Do In The Field!” on the topic of *Mercy, Witness, and Life Together* that is the Rocky Mountain District's vision for our purpose. Reverend Anderson spoke about the importance of practicing mercy (following God's example with us) without expecting anything in return – and communicated the idea that mercy is in fact our witness.

Again these are just three of many aspects of the convention, and I thank all who were instrumental in encouraging my participation and who worked so hard to provide this opportunity for Lutheran fellowship and business. Please be encouraged to take part in LWML – you may be as surprised as I was at all the wonderful things that occur because of the work of this organization. Hope to see you next time!

Leah Bauder
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Society Treasurers – just a reminder – the Remittance Form for mites and other offerings is found on the website. Please include the form with your check for mites. It helps us to be sure your offering is properly credited. The mailing address for mites and other offering gifts is: Treasurer, LWML-Rocky Mountain District, PO Box 270144, Louisville, CO 80027.

Joyful Response – An additional way to give mites on a regular basis is to sign up to have a regular amount sent directly from your bank account to the LWML-Rocky Mountain District LCEF Joyful Response account. The form for signing up is available on the website.

LWML-Rocky Mountain District has two endowment funds – a Special Gifts fund which is used for leadership training and a Scholarship Fund which will be used to fund our scholarships. At present the interest from the Scholarship Endowment Fund is insufficient to pay scholarships, but is gradually growing. Keep these funds in mind for special gifts or offerings.

Serve the
Lord with
Gladness