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Lutheran
Women's
Missionary
League
invites you
to the 34th
Biennial
Convention

TIDINGS

Lutheran Women in Mission Rocky Mountain District

2011 Convention Information— "It Will Play in Peoria!"

Thursday, June 23 –
Sunday, June 26, 2011

Peoria Civic Center
Peoria, Illinois

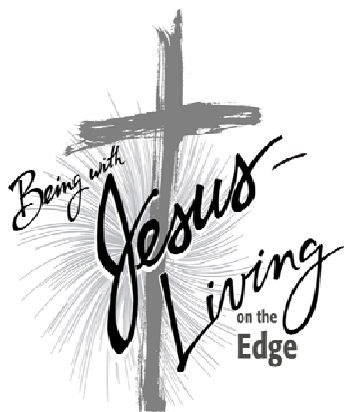
**Being with Jesus –
Living on the Edge**

Scripture

*And they realized they had
been with Jesus. "For we
cannot but speak the
things which we have seen
and heard."
Acts 4:13b & 20 (NKJV)*

**LWML Plays in
Peoria** – Check the
*Winter Lutheran
Woman's Quarterly* for
the latest registration
information on the 34th
Biennial LWML Con-
vention being held in
Peoria, Illinois, from
June 23-26, 2011, un-
der the theme "**Being**

**with Jesus – Living
on the Edge.**" Regis-
tration information is
also available online at
www.lwml.org. Regis-
tration opens on
March 1st. Review the
information about the
Friday Lunch Gather-
ings as well as the spe-
cial interest luncheons
on Saturday. Bring
your children, who will
enjoy spending time at
Camp BWJ (Being with
Jesus). Start gathering
those *Gifts from the
Heart* and plan which
of the servant events
you want to lend a
hand. There will even
be a Cyber Cafe!
Check out all the de-
tails at www.lwml.org.



Facebook: LWML is now part of Facebook!

What's that? Facebook is one of the fastest growing social networking websites on the Internet. Since we are spread across many states in our district and all across the nation, this is an electronic way to connect with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Each Facebook page has a wall – a place where comments may be posted (like a message on a bulletin board) and these messages can be viewed by all those who visit the site.

LWML launched its official Facebook.com page in August of 2010. Within the first thirty days over 1,300 people joined in fellowship on the LWML page. The response was remarkable. With this in mind, we now have a Rocky Mountain District Facebook page. For many of us, we'll learn together about this new way to stay connected. Check out the Lutheran Women in Mission—LWML page and join in the conversation at www.facebook.com/TheLWML or visit our district page for the Rocky Mountain LWML. We don't have our own web address at the time of printing this newsletter. Watch for an updated facebook address on our website—www.rmdlwml.org or if you are already on facebook, search for the Rocky Mountain District LWML and find us there.

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Carol's Corner

Jesus ... Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow

The start of a new year is a good time to pause and reflect back on yesterday, ponder today, and look ahead to tomorrow. What a comfort to know that God is with us every step of each and every day. *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.* Hebrews 13:8 (NIV)

One of the resources that keeps me mindful of God's unchanging love is the daily mustard seed devotion available by LWML and delivered to my

email inbox. I find this to be a great way to keep my focus on the Lord during the distractions of day-to-day life. This little devotion provides a Bible verse, a thought, a prayer and since it is delivered to my inbox, it couldn't be more convenient. But what about times you want to share the message without a computer? The printed version is still available from LWML. Check out the LWML website to sign up to receive the daily mustard seed, order

the printed packets, receive suggestions on how to use them, or to read the history of how these packets were created back in 1971.

However you choose to support your walk with the Lord in 2011, may you too take comfort that He is the same through all our yesterdays, todays and tomorrows.

Joy in His service,
Carol von Soosten

RMD LWML 2010-2012 Vision Statement



Build Up In Love Daily

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 (English Standard Version)

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

From the President's notebook:

A special thank you to the ladies of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church who hosted our Executive Committee meeting on November 6, 2010. Our hostesses at churches around the Denver metro area are such a blessing and we appreciate your service!

Congratulations to the new zone presidents around our Rocky Mountain District:

Eastern High Plains	Marcy Ricke
Four Corners	Traci Roberts
North Central	Cindy Hein
Northeastern	Chris Bostron
Northern	Linda Harsh
Northern New Mexico	Cindie Corvin
Pecos	Margaret Blazek
Rio Grande	Anita Werner
South Central	Carol Otto
Southern	Sue Herrmann
Western	Amy Schultz

Reminder: Society and Zone officer change of address form are to be sent to Beth Shroff, Corresponding Secretary (Record keeper)

"In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit..." (Luke 1:39-41, ESV).

I have always been intrigued by this text for so many reasons. First, because this shows that a baby even in the womb can have faith. Second, that babies are people. Third, that John was filled with joy in the presence of the Lord. It is with this third thought I would like to spend a few minutes with you this month.

Oh, this past month may have filled you with so much joy. Did your family come to town for the holidays after a long break of not seeing them? You sang so many familiar hymns and carols over the past month. The familiar Luke two Gospel reading

was read by your pastor, "I bring you good news of great joy!" Maybe you leapt for joy at the sound of our Lord's Word when you heard that familiar Luke two text.

Or maybe you didn't. Maybe this past month was just a blur. You may have been trying to make sure that everything was perfect. Perhaps you were stressed out over children not able to make it home for the holidays. Was your bank account stretched a little thin this past month and you were unable to get everything you wanted for your loved ones? Or the Advent/Christmas season was just a rough one. But don't stress if you didn't leap for joy when you heard the Gospel! It doesn't mean that the Gospel isn't working.

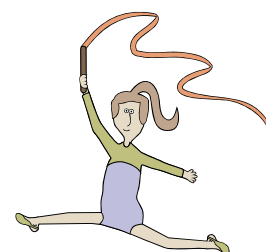
In fact when things seem gloomy, and hard, and discouraging there is one thing that stands firm: the Word of the Lord. It never changes and that word brought by the angels, read by your pastor on

Christmas Eve is for you, "I bring you good news of great joy!" Even if you don't really feel joyful, or cheery, or want to leap to the heavens, this news that your Savior has come to forgive you your sins is true. Your sins are forgiven. John and Elizabeth by the work of the Holy Spirit knew their Savior had come and that God has kept His promise to send a Savior.

With that great news we can leap for joy! We can live a *Grande Life* confident in our Savior's dying love for us. In assurance of His love, like John, the shepherds, and the disciples we can share Christ's Word with others by inviting them to LWML gatherings, to Bible study and worship, and by collecting our mites to support the work of the Church. May we leap for joy at the work of our Savior!

Rev. Timothy Storck
Junior Pastoral Counselor

Leap
For
Joy!



Mite Marathon

In November the LWML began a campaign called "Mite Marathon ... Race to the Finish."

Many of you may have seen the flyer used to kick off this challenge. It was circulated by email as an encouragement as we all work together to reach the mite goal for the LWML 2009-2011 biennium.

As we approach our

March deadline for mites, please prayerfully consider your gifts. Let's join in the race with LWMLers across the country. Let's get the word out and our mites sent in and to God be the glory!

Note: **All donations should be noted "Mite Marathon"**. Societies and zones may send your donations through our LWML Rocky Mountain District

Treasurer Nancy Doty and individuals may send donations directly to: LWML Office, P.O. Box 41193, St. Louis, MO 63141-1993



A New Year-A New You!



How many of you made New Year's resolutions? How long do you expect to keep your resolutions? Have you ever kept a resolution for an entire year or until it was accomplished? These are some of the questions asked in *Resolutions: A New Year Devotion/Bible study* (#59963). This devotion is included in the *Planning Made Easy Meeting and Event Planner*. This would be a great study to use at your first society meeting of the

new year or for a personal devotion. The Bible study looks at Epiphany and the Magi's visit to worship the newborn king, Jesus. The Magi's journey was long and required planning and continued commitment to the task in spite of challenges and dangers. The study asks each of us to consider what resolutions we can make as a commitment to our Lord and encourages us to commit to daily Bible reading or group Bible study, reading through the

Bible in a year, inviting an unchurched friend or neighbor to join you at worship next Sunday or to go on a mission trip.

For more information about this Bible study or any other resource contact me at vpchristianlife@rmdlwml.org or visit the LWML website at www.lwml.org.

Have a Happy New Year.

Debbie Yocky
VP of Christians Life

2011 Prayer Service

2011 Prayer Service now available for free download at www.lwml.org. The prayer service entitled "Being with Jesus-Living on the Edge" was written by Reverend Carl Gniewuch, who served the LWML as Pastoral Counselor from 2005-2009. The prayer service is based on the convention theme verse and goal statement. *Acts 4:13 b and 20: And they realized they had been with Jesus.*

"For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard".

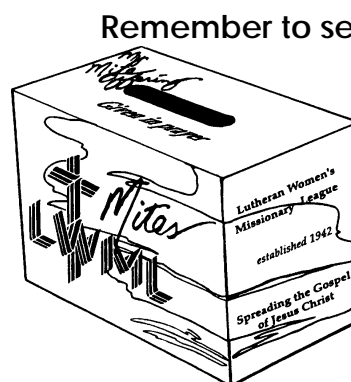
The prayer service presents a number of scenarios in which women have the opportunity to share the Good News with others. Each scenario is followed by a Bible reading and prayer as well as time for personal reflection or discussion. Traditional hymns or contemporary praise song suggestions are also included in the service.

The service closes with a mite offering.

This year's prayer service is well written and thought-provoking. Prayerfully consider hosting a prayer service for your LWML society or zone this year. This service would be an effective way to refocus your LWML society or zone on sharing the Good News and supporting our mission grants through Mite offerings and prayer.

Question:
What is the Mite deadline each year?

Answer:
March 31st



Remember to send your mites each month to our RMD Treasurer. Her address is:
Rocky Mountain District LWML
c/o Nancy Doty
331 Euclid Street
Fort Morgan, CO 80701

Planning for Peoria

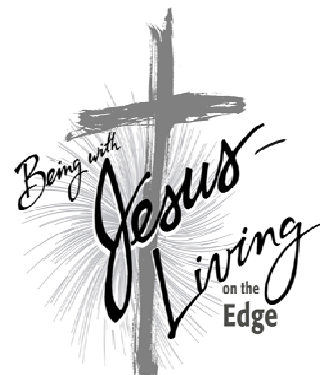
Peoria, here we come!! The LWML Convention will be here before we know it. Have you ever attended a national convention? The sights and sounds of Lutheran Women in Mission gathered in convention are some of my favorite LWML memories. Seas of women of all ages, many clothed in purple-laughing and crying (sometimes at the same time), singing, studying the Bible, worshipping God, giving LWML hugs, and shopping. What a

feast for the senses and the soul! You may be thinking, with all those women from all across the country how will I find my Rocky Mountain District friends? If you are a delegate, you will have an assigned seat with the District. But for the rest of us, seating is not assigned. One guaranteed way to see people from the Rocky Mountain District is to attend our caucus.

This will be a great time to see old friends and make some new ones.

Everyone from the district is invited to attend.

President Carol von Soosten and the 4 RMD Vice Presidents will be sharing information about issues that affect our District. We will have time for fellowship and fun as well as a short devotional time. Please plan on attending our caucus. Details about where and when will be posted on the RMD website as soon as they become available. See you in Peoria.



Christian Resources Needed

As your district Christian Resources Editor, it is my job to encourage you to submit original devotions, Bible studies, programs, litanies, sketches, and retreats for possible publication in the LWML catalog or on the LWML website. They are in need of resources for all occasions, including holidays and timely topics. Do you have a favorite Bible passage or story that has impacted your life? Turn it into a Bible study for other women. Have you put together a special program for your zone or society meetings? Please share it with the rest of

us.

The LWML website provides guidelines for writers:

http://www.lwml.org/resources/program_helps/writers_guidelines.pdf

If you are interested in writing original Christian resources or have questions, please contact me. I have successfully gone through the process of submitting a manuscript for publication. "Sharing the Bread of Life," encouraging Christians to support their local food banks, has been published as an LWML Program Resource. I am happy to assist and encourage you through

the process.

When you are ready to submit your original work, please send it to me:

Colleen Spahr
RMD Christian Resources Editor
christianresources@rmdlwml.org

I will submit it to the LWML Christian Resources Editors Committee. All submissions go through a review process to ensure that they are consistent with the theological teachings of the LCMS. Suggestions may be made for improving the materials.

Colleen Spahr
Christian Resources Editor

WANTED

Willing Christian Resource Writers

Know Your Mission Grants

Judy Piepkorn
VP Mission Grants

Mission Grant Recipients for the 2010-2012 Biennium

	<u>Granted</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Unpaid</u>
Trinity/HOPE – Feeding Haitian Children	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,000
Rocky Mountain District – Debt Assistance Program	\$ 7,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000
Kings Camp at Lutheran Valley Retreat	\$ 6,000	\$ 0	\$ 6,000
Veterans of the Cross	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Developing Religious Curriculum for God's People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	\$ 8,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 6,000
Opening a New Outreach Center Ft. Collins, CO- Lutheran Blind Mission	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Support for the University Lutheran Chapel in Boulder, CO	\$ 6,000	\$ 0	\$ 6,000
Missionary Household Setup - Lutheran Bible Translators	\$ 7,500	\$ 0	\$ 7,500
Expansion of the Ministry of the Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute, El Paso, TX	\$ 7,000	\$ 0	\$ 7,000
Training Pastors for Gospel Outreach in Africa	\$ 7,000	\$ 0	\$ 7,000
Mission Outreach to Immigrants from Ethiopia (Aurora, CO)	\$ 7,500	\$ 0	\$ 7,500
Scholarship Assistance to Students Preparing for Ethnic Ministry	\$ 3,500	\$ 0	\$ 3,500
	\$ 75,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 65,000

Mighty Mission Mites Update

Thank the

Lord for

His

Blessings

on our

Mission

Endeavors!

Thank you ladies for your continued dedication to our mission projects. Your **mites** together with your **prayers** and the **Lord's blessing** have made the first payments toward our grant recipients possible.

A check for \$3,000 has been sent to Trinity/Hope to provide food for Lutheran School children in Haiti. The most recent newsletter received from Trinity/HOPE stated: "the Feeding Program Directors felt their job allowed them to witness to others and Feed the children of Haiti the True Bread of Life". The directors dis-

cussed what a privilege it is to have the opportunity and responsibility to shape future missionaries within their own country. One hundred children receive lunch and spiritual affirmation each day through the love of Christ evident in the people who administer this program.

A check for \$2,000 has been sent to Good Shepherd Auxiliary for the project of Developing Religious Life Curriculum for God's People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. The Colorado Unit has been asked specifically for a total of \$8,000 to help cover the

cost of the teacher materials. Others districts have been asked to help cover the cost of student lessons, video development and production, illustrations and music rights acquisition. What a privilege it is to be a partner with these brothers and sisters in Christ to provide materials that share the message of salvation to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Remember to pray for our adopted projects as you place your mites in your Mite Box and thank God for His Blessings upon our endeavors.

GET ON YOUR MARKS! GET SET! GO---PAPERLESS!!!!

The time is here and now!!! Do you have your society contact information in to Beth Weber, the Tidings Business Manager? Remember, in order to receive the March 2011 issue of the Rocky Mountain District Tidings this information needs to be received by the Tidings Business Manager-- **NOW!!!** Email me, [tidingsbusmgr@rmdlwml.org](mailto:tidsbusmgr@rmdlwml.org).

[org](http://www.rmdlwml.org) or call me at 970-257-7625. If you do not have the capability to receive your Tidings via the internet, please contact Beth Weber, 3910 W. Brambling Lane, Grand Junction, CO 81506-5240 or by phone with your contact information instruction-- **NOW!!!**

BEING IN CONTACT WITH EACH SOCIETY AND INDIVIDUAL THROUGH THE

TIDINGS IS VERY IMPORTANT TO OUR ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT. PLEASE GET YOUR INFORMATION TO THE TIDINGS BUSINESS MANAGER.

Try out the RMD website at www.rmdlwml.org and click on the Tidings link, and the blue [download](#) link for any issue of the Tidings.

The
January
2011
issue of the
Tidings will
be the last
print version!

Attracting Younger Members

Sue Fruefeld, Planner

I'm cleaning out clutter, finding coats to donate to those who need warmth. Taking them "out of the box" of my closet, I am struck by how this can be a metaphor for our LWML societies.

The comfortable jacket from many years ago- no longer stylish, the flimsy raincoat I bought and never wore- new and unused, the too warm ski jacket- I

never go skiing! All go into the pile growing on the floor.

Is this happening in your LWML society? Is your "closet" of the things you do, the way you do it, meeting days and times, etc, crowding out any attempt at refreshing your society and adding the "stylish" younger ladies into your circle? Consider cleaning your society closet out of old, worn,

unused activities and customs. Give yourself the gift of space to see more clearly each other, and ALL the ladies of your congregation who yearn to affirm their relationship with the Triune God so that they are enabled to use their gifts in ministry to the people of the world. You will be so glad you did.

*Out of
the
Box!*



Is Your Group in Compliance with the IRS?

Is your group in compliance with the IRS? Every society and zone in our district of the LWML must use its correct legal name and EIN (Employer Identification Number) on official, legal, or financial paperwork and on all financial accounts. We want to all follow these guidelines so we are in compliance and covered by the umbrella of the LWML. A society's legal name is: Lutheran Women's Missionary League Rocky Mountain District _____ Zone _____ Society (or whatever name the society calls itself and whatever zone it is in) We will not publish the EIN number since it would be available to other non-LWML people on the web, so please contact President Carol, Nancy Doty or talk with your zone president for more information.

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