

Iowa District West NEWS

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Marilyn's Mark

by Marilyn Schroeder

If you're an avid reader, you no doubt have a favorite author and you've possibly set aside books for reading at a later time-maybe even for this summer. I happen to enjoy mysteries, particularly John Grisham's books. Because of a lack of time, I too have set some of these aside for reading at another time. However, far beyond and above Grisham, I do have a very favorite book. The Bible! Over the past long winter months I found myself reading and studying a couple of different Bibles; The Maxwell Leadership Bible which is written with a focus on lessons in principles of leadership from the Word of God, and Today's Light Bible which is designed as a devotional Bible and takes you from Genesis to Revelation in approximately two years. There are many versions of the Bible from which to choose. I suggest that you make and keep an "intentional appointment with Jesus" each and every day to grow in His Word, reading and studying from your favorite Bible. President Jan Wendorf has eloquently defined our time spent with Jesus as "Women in the Word, Women of the Word, and Women walking daily with our Lord."

16 I pray you and I are these women.

The following are interesting facts gleaned from The Center of the Bible: (author unknown)

- Shortest chapter in the Bible – Psalms 117
- Longest chapter in the Bible – Psalms 119
- The chapter in the very center of the Bible – Psalms 118
- There are 594 chapters before Psalms 118
- There are 594 chapters after Psalms 118
- Add these numbers up and you get: 1188
- The center verse in the Bible – Psalms 118:8
- Does this verse say something significant about God's perfect will for our lives? The next time someone says they would like to find God's perfect will for their lives and that they want to be in the center of His will, just send them to the center of His Word!
- Psalms 118:8 "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in Man."
- Isn't it interesting how this worked out (or was God in the center of it?)

Another great read is the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly. In it you will find all the latest Mission Grant updates, information for the upcoming LWML convention in Portland, as well as suggested resources (LWML Catalog) for personal spiritual growth, for group studies and programs that will aid in making the study of His Word a priority in our life. By all means, don't overlook The Harvest magazine – our district's publication that shares the mission and ministry of Iowa West's auxiliary organizations; this magazine is distributed free of charge to district congregations.

Happy reading!

Senior Counselor

By Pastor David Kuhnle

Cemeteries are full of stories. I love to walk around the Lutheran cemetery in Conroy, Iowa with my dad. This is the place where my mom is buried and my sister Pat as well as my grandparents and great grandparents. Some day dad will also rest there. Dad is 95 and walks pretty slow but he still can get around enough to visit Mom and Pat's graves. Since this is where he grew up he knows everyone there. He will point to one stone after another "he liked to drink," "he was a good fiddle player," "she had a nice singing voice," or "He used to beat his wife."

Stories—cemeteries are full of them.

Cemeteries tell another bigger story—just by their existence—that is the story of sin. Paul says cemeteries exist because of one man, Adam, who sinned and through Adam sin and death came to all people because in Adam we have all sinned. (Romans 5:12) Without sin, the grave diggers would have nothing to do. Funeral directors would have to find a new line of work. We could actually use that ground for something good like farming or we could turn them into parks.

Don't worry grave diggers, don't sweat it funeral directors, your jobs are safe. Sin and death still infect the human race. Cemeteries are still needed, but not for long. Easter is about the end of the cemetery and the funeral industry. The Easter story tells us that the stories in the cemetery are not finished. Just like Jesus' story wasn't finished on Good Friday. He burst from the tomb alive, never to die again. He destroyed sin's power and broke death's grip on us. On the last day, all believers will also burst from their graves never to die again.

Jesus has made it so all the stones in the cemetery should have "to be continued" engraved on them. The story was not over for

Jesus and it will not be over for us. Christ is Risen!

Junior Counselor

By Pastor Lawrence Boye

In his Easter Sermon on April 11, 2004, Rev. Kenneth Klaus, Lutheran Hour Speaker, shared two short stories. I would like to share those stories with you.

There is in the state of Georgia, a white man who is buried in a cemetery traditionally reserved for African-Americans. The mother of this man died when he was a small child. His father never remarried and according to custom at that time, he employed Mandy, a black woman, a Christian woman, to help with the raising of his son.

Without being his mother, Mandy gave the boy a mother's love. Among his earliest and warmest recollections was Mandy's tradition of waking him with a gentle, "Wake up – God's mornin' is come." The boy grew and went off to college. He never outgrew hearing those words; she never outgrew saying them.

Later in life, after he had achieved some success, the man received the message, "Mandy has died. Can you come to her funeral?" Standing at Mandy's open grave the man turned to his companions and commented, "If I die before Jesus returns, I want to be buried here, beside Mandy. I like to think that on Resurrection Day she'll say, 'Wake up, my boy, God's mornin' is come!'"

Philip was born with Down Syndrome. As a result, he never was part of the group. Philip was pleasant enough, but he looked different and sometimes acted differently than his eight-year-old classmates. On Palm Sunday, Philip's Sunday school teacher gave each of her students a plastic egg and instructed them to bring the eggs back with a symbol of resurrection inside.

The following week, the eggs were opened and the children explained the meaning of the symbol they had brought. One held a pretty flower; another held a butterfly. In another there was a rock. The last egg was empty. If you had listened carefully you would have heard things like, "That's stupid," or "He didn't do his homework."

Philip confessed, "That egg belongs to me. It's empty because Jesus' tomb was empty." Philip got it. That summer Philip got something else; an infection. Most children would have shaken off such a little thing, Philip's body couldn't. At his funeral, nine eight-year-old children brought an empty plastic egg and placed it in the casket. Because of Philip, the class "got it."

Christ is Risen ~ He is Risen Indeed!



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by Jane Morris

As I write this article, my family is putting the finishing touches on a “kitchen remodel” project. Many of you have probably been through a similar kind of remodel...changing something you didn’t quite care for into something that fits you just right. This just happened to coincide with the beginning of spring, so we did a bit of “spring cleaning,” too. We went through a lot of our stuff and got rid of the things we didn’t use. It all makes for a more efficient and less cluttered house. Working on, and the end results of these home improvements make us feel a happy sense of accomplishment.

As I reflect on how I feel about improving my surroundings, I can’t help but think that’s how God looks at me. I know there are areas in my life He’d definitely want to improve! Which parts of me need “remodeling?” Am I willing to let God guide and fix me up? How much time and effort will it take? I know that remodeling can be a big ordeal, sometimes scary, and with tons of decisions, but with God as the Master Contractor, I do know that I’ll sure like the improvements He will make in me.

Are you willing to let God do a little “remodeling” in your life? You know, you’ll be “improved,” with both God and yourself feeling a happy sense of accomplishment!

1 Peter 2:5

Human Care Vice-Chairman

By Judi Bruhn

AMAZING! That’s a wonderful word to describe the end of a long winter and the coming of the spring season! Our pastor during the Lenten season had a sermon about things that are *amazing*. He had read his cereal box during breakfast and noticed the back of the box claimed that this cereal was “*amazing!*” I would have to agree with him that there are very few (if any!) times that I find cereal *amazing!* That word describes the flowers that appear after winter, the way the grass becomes green, and the beauty of a sunrise and sunset. Another description of *amazing* is the women of the LWML. This fall, nearly 1700 quilts, 230 health kits, 106 school kits, 166 layettes, 689 school kits, and almost 510 lbs. of soap were shipped to Lutheran World Relief for distribution just by our district alone! Additions to the fall

report include Southwest Zone with 159 quilts, 10 school kits, clothing, 20 Bibles,

and 70 lbs. of soap; Sac City Zone with 260 quilts, 25 health kits, 10 school kits, 11 layettes, and 23 lbs. of soap; and Storm Lake Zone with 335 quilts, 55 health kits, 93 school kits, 71 layettes, 7 sewing kits and 51 lbs. of soap. By the time you read this article, the spring report will be complete and the *amazing* totals will be published in the fall Harvest.

Amazing will also describe this summer’s convention in Portland, Oregon-“Look to the Hills-God Reigns!” With thousands of LWMLers walking around Portland with purple shirts, purple umbrellas, and purple bags, along with the talent and energy of those who have been planning, it **WILL** be *amazing!* All of those who are attending the convention are asked to bring an item for Gifts from the Heart. This is the LWML’s way of showing care and compassion for those in need through four agencies in the Portland area. No monetary donations will be accepted, and those coming are to bring one gift per person, not the unlimited amount given at the Sioux Falls convention or donations from societies. Items can include: new teddy bears, new children’s socks or t-shirts (sizes 6-14), health kits with comb, deodorant, toothbrush and toothpaste (regular size), bar soap, washcloth and Christian tract all in a zip-lock bag or an art kit with the following: 16 pack crayons, 8 pack washable markers, children’s scissors, 2 pencils, glue stick, watercolor paint set with brush, and an Arch book or other Christian track all in a zip-lock bag. Knowing the LWMLers, these gifts from the heart will truly be *amazing* to those in need in Portland! All of these happenings are done for the glory of God through His *amazing* power of the Holy Spirit. Maybe the cereal box wasn’t so far off after all. If the cereal can get me going in the morning, and give me energy to begin my work for the day, that could be pretty *amazing* stuff too!

Gospel Outreach and Human Care

By Jean Jaskierny

Blessings and greetings to each of you faithful sisters in the Iowa District West LWML. Our national grants are paid in full. Praise the Lord! And our district support is on track, so don’t let up this summer. I want to encourage you to follow the 2008–2010 Mission Grant payment progress by checking the website for the latest updates. If I printed the progress here it would be old news by the time you get this. Instructions to get to that web location are printed later in this article. Keep up the good work ladies.

Did you get information about our LWML -Go mission trip coming up in November at



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your spring rally? If not please contact me, I will get you up to speed. A M.O.S.T. team led by Eileen Westrum will travel to Guatemala November 6-14, 2009 to provide an eyeglass clinic and serve Jesus at the House of Hope Orphanage. Please pray workers will come forward, their servant hearts will be prepared, and that their way be safe and that His will be done wherever and whenever He has need of us.

Now for some fun! What is the question IDW LWML Gospel Outreach wants for the answer below?

The deadline is always OCTOBER 31 of odd numbered years.

1. When did Martin Luther have to have his thesis posted?

2. When do you have to have costumes ready for Halloween?

3. What day are grant applications due for the 2010 IDW LWML convention at Okoboji?

4. What is the last day for a postmark in October?

Yes, you are correct! It's #3. Good job, I'm glad you had LWML in mind during this Jeopardy challenge! I want you to start praying about this now and making plans to get your ideas on paper. Talk to your societies, your missionaries, your pastor. Don't wait until the last minute to prepare a grant application.

You could start by going to the Iowa District West website (www.idwlcms.org) and placing your cursor on Ministry Partners, then in the drop down tab click on LWML. Under the bold heading of Lutheran Women's Missionary League click on Mission Grants. When this page is up you will see the four underlined documents you need, above the bold heading Mission Grants. If this doesn't work for you contact me and I will mail these helpful documents to you, I want to help. We had a wonderful response last time around. I am sure you know someone who submitted a grant who would encourage and assist your efforts.

We will continue to compile a list of women who have served on mission trips so be sure to let me know if you have. Thank you so much to those who responded. All for now, Serve the Lord with Gladness!

Christian Life Vice-Chairman

By Judy Rozek

Last November 1, women in Iowa District West were encouraged to attend the LWML Prayer Retreat. About half of the ladies attending had never been to Mission Central before

that day. Needless to say, I'm sure each person attending was in awe of what the Holy Spirit is doing throughout the world because of the mission outreach of Mission Central.

The day was spent learning how to keep a prayer journal and the importance of our daily prayer life. Using a good devotional book, praying at the same time, never skipping, asking the Holy Spirit to teach us to pray and understand God's Word was stressed. Frequent prayer is better than lengthy or long drawn out prayer. Pray in Jesus' name, because Jesus is praying with you.

The best thing you can do for someone is to pray for them. Pray for your congregation, your pastor, the lost, the sick, our government and leaders.

Jesus taught His disciples how to pray using the Lord's Prayer. This winter our adult Bible class at church decided to study the Lord's Prayer using Luther's Small Catechism. For most of us, confirmation classes were a long time ago. All of us agreed that so often when we pray the Lord's Prayer we don't even think about what we are saying. Reading it from the hymnal while we are praying is helpful.

What a wonderful review studying each petition. It took us about six weeks to study this short prayer. Now when I pray the Lord's Prayer, I try to think about each petition and how it applies to me.

The year 2009 brings a lot of fear and uncertainty regarding our country's economic situation, recession worries, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Prayer can help us get through these tough times. "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:7). Prayer is a privilege and command from God, as well as a priceless gift. Use it!

Nominating Committee

By Sharon Hamann

District Convention 2010

As we are all thinking about the National LWML Convention in Portland, Oregon, the District Convention will be held in June of 2010 at Camp Okoboji. At that time we will elect some new officers. The nominating committee is getting the slate of candidates ready. Will you be one of them? The committee will be calling and corresponding with people this summer to get the slate filled. If you are one of those contacted please give it your prayerful consideration.

The deadline is October 31, 2009. The committee needs candidates for: President; Vice President for Gospel Outreach and Human Care; Financial Secretary; Pastoral

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Counselor; and nine candidates for the Nominating Committee.

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Psalm 31:15 tells us, "My times are in your hands." Is it your time to serve Him?

Saving Notes

By Dorothea Bachman

Alleluia! The Lord is Risen!

What a marvelous thing has happened! In three days our Lord and Savior died, descended into hell, overcame Satan's hold on us, and rose again. From Good Friday to Easter Sunday morning, the most fantastic history was made for our benefit. God gave His one and only Son, so that all mankind could be saved (See John 3:16). No one has ever made such a sacrifice for a sinner such as you and me. If we believe in Jesus, the Son of God, we have eternal life. We cannot earn the great gift, we can only believe, with the help of the Holy Spirit. God has had a lot of the world's history recorded for us. You probably have one or more copies of this book in your home. Some volumes are small and some very large. Some only gather dust while others are in continuous use. Some of you have read the whole volume and others only certain verses. For most of us, when we read from this Book do not think about the history involved in the Word. Scientists can say what they want, and few admit to how much their research confirms what God inspired His holy men to write in HIS BOOK.

I hope and pray that this dialog helps you to understand why we need history, not just about the past but also every day. Some day our children, grandchildren and future generations will want to know what we did. (Mommy, were there dinosaurs when you were little?) We may not enjoy every day, but each day is a gift from God and our history may be what brings someone to our heavenly Father.

VP Servant Resources and Christian Life

by Mary Lu Mauritz

I couldn't believe it when I got an e-mail from the editor saying it was time to submit a new article for *The Harvest*. Time just seems to fly by, and sometimes it's hard to catch up with it!

I hope your society is making good use of the new LWML Speaker's Bureau List. There are so many exciting people listed there who are SO willing to share

their experiences they have had in their walk with our Lord. Be sure to check it out if you haven't already.

In a recent Sunday morning Bible study, we were reading Ephesians 2:4-9. "But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus." Grace, of course, is the theme of these verses, and a former member, Rev. Larry Johnson, shared with the group that you can think of the word 'grace' as standing for God's Riches At Christ's Expense. What a great acronym that is! Now read verse 8: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." Remembering the acronym gives even more meaning to that verse, especially since we just celebrated the Easter season. There is an excellent Bible study on grace that I found on our website, www.lwml.org, entitled "Grace Alone" by Kathy Johnson. It talks about giving grace, why we need grace, and the origin of grace. The end of the Bible study focuses on what our response should be to God's gift of grace. 1 Peter 2:9 says that we are to "declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light." And isn't that what LWML is all about—telling people about our Lord Jesus Christ? Be sure to check out this Bible study, and the many other Bible studies and devotions found on the LWML website-including some of the Quarterly Bible studies- that you can download for your society meetings or just for your own personal devotions.

God's blessings to each of you!

Recycling Fundraiser

LWML has a recycling project to raise funds to host the National LWML convention in Des Moines during the summer of 2015. Iowa District West and Iowa District East are working jointly on the project as together they will be responsible for the convention. An estimated \$15,000 is needed. Currently, over \$4,700 has been raised with several years to go to meet the goal.

Items being collected are: printer cartridges with a metal print head, cell phones and batteries, PDAs, pagers, MP3 players, I-Pods, digital cameras, DVD video games and players, laptop computers and GPS systems, all with cords and accessories. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Take your recycle

items to your church. From there they will be passed on to the LWML Zone recycling coordinator who will collect, pack and ship the items. If there are questions about this project, contact Jolene Douglas at jodouglas@frontiernet.net.

GoodSearch

GOOD SEARCH: GOOD FOR MISSIONS: Want to earn money for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League AND search the Internet at the same time? It's possible using GoodSearch.

Instead of "Googling" the next time you use a search engine, go to <http://www.goodsearch.com> and type "LWML" and select LWML St. Louis in the "I'm supporting" box. Each time a search is initiated, an estimated 1 cent is given to LWML. This sounds like a small amount, but multiple searches by many people add up. For example, if 1,000 women searched twice a day, LWML could potentially receive \$7,300 a year.

Much like mites add up to produce significant results, so can GoodSearch generate money for missions. It's even possible to add GoodSearch to your Internet browser's toolbar. Follow directions on the site to install. Tell your friends and happy searching.

GoodSearch - When you search the internet, you can help Lutheran Women in Mission to raise money for mites at the same time. Each time you use GoodSearch to surf for something online, a penny is donated to LWML. Since inception, well over \$10,000 has been generated!

Please visit www.GoodSearch.com and type in "LWML" as the charity you want to support, then click on "verify" and you will be all set to support the LWML as you shop and surf!

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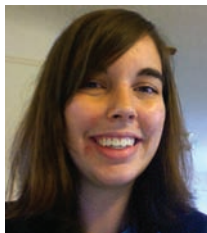
Look to the Hills God Reigns

LOOK! Look forward to the inspirational and exciting weekend awaiting you in Portland at the 2009 LWML convention, which is just around the corner! From June 25-28, attendees of the 33rd Biennial LWML Convention will gather in Portland to be nourished by the Word, inspired with songs of praise, and encouraged in service to God and others through the many speakers and Convention activities. It's not too late to register if you haven't already done so. Visit www.lwml.org for more information. This month, let's lift up in prayer the Host Committee and Convention Programming Committee as they finalize all the details. Let us pray our hearts will be open to new experi-

ences and friendships. As final preparations are made, we give thanks for the opportunities this convention presents for each attendee. The delegates will have the awesome task of electing new officers, setting a new mission mite goal, and voting for important mission grant proposals. The LWML Store will offer new and exciting products, devotions, program materials and much more. Evergreen Park will be full of interesting and innovative exhibits.

Look to the Hills...God Reigns! Pack those bags and we'll see you in Portland!

Young Women Representatives



Jennette Morrison is from Urbandale, Iowa. She is 20 years old and will begin her junior year at Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska in the fall. She is majoring in parish music with the

organ and taking pre-deaconess classes to help prepare for future years of serving the Lord. She has a strong love for Camp Okoboji and is looking forward to serving there on staff for her fourth consecutive summer. She enjoys knitting socks, fellowship with people of all ages, collecting cows, and realizing how much her mother and her have in common. She is very honored and grateful to serve as an IDW Young Women's Representative for the 2009 LWML Convention to Portland and can't wait to share about what she learns during her experience in this role.



Leanne Kading grew up on a farm north of Carroll, Iowa. She graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in Hotel, Restaurant and Institution management. She is married to Phillip, who is a farmer, and they have one son, Will, who turned two

in January. They are members of Zion Lutheran Church in Dexter. Growing up she was a member of their church choir and involved with many youth activities including Sunday school and VBS volunteer. She is just beginning her adult church career, but has served as a Vacation Bible School coordinator. She was also a YWR at the District LWML convention and currently serves as the Leader Development Chairman for both her society and the Adair Zone. She is looking forward to attending the LWML convention in Portland and meeting other young women that want to "Serve the Lord with Gladness."

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LWML Spring Rallies

Adair: The Adair Zone Spring Rally was held on Saturday, March 21, at Zion Lutheran, Dexter. A brunch was served to 70 members, pastors and guests. Pastor Keuning of Zion, Dexter and St. John's, Casey opened with devotions. Guest speaker, Gary Thies gave an inspiring presentation on the Red Sea artifacts and missionaries serving around the world. Zone summer picnic is July 8 at Immanuel, Guthrie Center and second Prayer Retreat is at Mission Central on September 26. St. John's, Casey gave a skit entitled "The Butterfly and the Cocoon." The Fall Rally will be Oct. 3 at Immanuel, Greenfield. Pastor Fitzner, Zone Counselor, closed with prayer.

Cherokee: The Cherokee Zone LWML Spring Rally was held on Tuesday, April 28 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Sutherland. Registration, coffee and desserts began at 6 p.m. with the business meeting at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker was Doug Kading, Director of Camp Okoboji. A skit was presented by Human Care & Development leaders entitled "LWML - - What does that mean?" Opening devotions were led by Pastor Leroy Riemer of Bethel, Sutherland and closing devotions were by Larry Lemke of St. Paul, Aurelia. The ingathering was monetary donations to Camp Okoboji.

Emmetsburg: The Emmetsburg LWML Spring Zone Rally was on Thursday, April 23 at St. Paul, Emmetsburg. A supper was served prior to the meeting. Pastor Phil Andreason of Spirit Lake was the guest speaker and presented the program on the mission field in Kenya. A collection of socks, soap and mites was gathered.

Fort Dodge and Humboldt: The Fort Dodge and Humboldt Zones held their Spring Rally jointly on Saturday, April 18 at Good Shepherd, Fort Dodge, as they will be hosting the 2010 IDW LWML Convention. There were 90 in attendance. Opening devotions were led by Pastor Tim Geitz. Guest speaker was Professor John Pless of the Fort Wayne Seminary speaking on "A Word of Despair, A word of Comfort: Law and Gospel in Christian Witness." Marilyn Schroeder, IDW LWML President, was a guest and gave greetings on behalf of the District LWML. A meeting to start planning the 2010 District LWML Convention was held in the afternoon.

Mapleton: The Mapleton LWML Spring Zone Rally was held on April 16 with 94 in attendance. The theme was "Being Stewards and Witnesses of God's Greatest Gifts." Guest speaker was Carole White, Vice President of LCEF for Iowa Districts East and West, speaking on Certainties in Uncertain Times, The Five T's of Stewardship: Time,

Talent, Treasure, Temple and Testimony. St. Matthew, Mapleton presented a skit, "Worlds Apart, Hearts Together." They will also host the Fall Rally on September 17 with Rev. Mark Gerken as speaker.

Northeast: The Northeast LWML Spring Zone Rally was held on Tuesday, April 21 at Trinity Lutheran at Algona with the theme "Serve the Lord with Gladness." Zone Counselor, Pastor Glawatz led a Bible study. The ingathering was \$184. Stacey Bernardo, Algona, a senior at Northwestern College was the guest speaker. She shared information about Romania where she studied her fall semester. She worked with the organization, New Horizons. Fall rally will be at St. John Lutheran in Burt on September 22. Rev. Turner of Trinity gave closing devotions.

Northwest: The Northwest Zone LWML Spring Rally was held on Saturday, April 25 beginning at 9 a.m. at Zion Lutheran in Ocheyedan. Matthew 28:19 was used as the theme and it was emphasized in the opening devotions led by Pastor Russell Anderson. The guest speaker was Pastor Dan Vogel, Iowa District West Missionary to Hispanics. His presentation was enjoyed by all attending. Following the meeting, Pastor David Ericksen, Zone Counselor, gave devotions and had the closing prayer. The Fall LWML Rally will be held at Peace, Rock Rapids.

Sac City: The Sac City LWML Zone rally was held on the evening of April 21, hosted by Emmanuel, Lake View and St. Peter's, rural Sac City with 103 members, pastors and guests present. Opening devotions were led by Rev. Don Peterson. Guest speaker was Rev. Henry Witte, Hispanic Missionary for IDW. Cindy Phillips, YWR attending the IDW LWML Convention in 2008, also addressed the group. Rev. Andrew Ratcliffe of St. Paul, Sac City was elected Zone Counselor. Activity monies were donated to the speaker's project. The ingathering netted many school supply items for the Nehemiah Project in Los Angeles. National LWML projects have been met and exceeded and the IDW goal is on target. Another Prayer Retreat will be held at Mission Central on September 26. Closing devotions were given by Pastor Buelow.

Spencer: The Spencer LWML Zone rally was held on Monday, April 13 at Christ the King in Spencer. Theme for rally was from Hebrews 10:25a "Let us not give up on meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another." Christi Gabhart, guest speaker, gave an interesting and informative program on Haiti. Registration was 47 and offering was \$172.94 and ingathering was \$151 for Spencer Dialysis Unit.

Iowa District West LWML Mission Grants 2008-2010

Building of a School for the Poorest of the Poor In our 1st Mission Field in India	\$5,000.00	
Inner City LA Nehemiah Project Pastoral Need	\$20,000.00	Paid In Full
LWML Printing Costs for "The Harvest" publication	\$30,000.00	Paid \$1,800
Financial Assistance for Seminary Food Coops	\$20,000.00	Paid in full
Traveling God's Way IOWAY to LA	\$20,000.00	Paid \$10,000
Deaf Children – New Disciples in Christ	\$5,410.00	Paid \$1,000
W.I.S.H.E.S.	\$17,757.26	Paid \$3,000
	TOTAL	\$118,167.26

LWML Women Exceed Biennial Mission Grant Goal

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League has exceeded its \$1.7 million mission goal grant for 2007-09 by \$75,730.17, with the help of a recent anonymous memorial gift of \$100,000. The mite goal, which helps support missions all over the nation and the world, has been reached through generous contributions from members of the organization's 40 districts.

President of the LCMS, Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick congratulated the LWML on exceeding its mission goal: "What a blessing from the hand of the Lord made possible, humanly speaking, by the generous hearts of some of His most precious children – the wonderful women of the LWML!"

For over 65 years, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

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Zone	
Adair	1,847.53
Boone	1,611.89
Carroll	745.54
Cherokee	0.00
Council Bluffs	2,041.99
Denison	745.83
DM East	742.66
DM West	947.98
Emmetsburg	1,051.76
Fort Dodge	996.13
Humboldt	1,727.88
LeMars	577.68
Mapleton	1,183.06
Northeast	994.76
Northwest	905.52
Sac City	1,172.43
Sioux City	648.30
Southwest	665.64
Spencer	666.45
Storm Lake	<u>1,939.82</u>
TOTAL	\$21,212.85



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