

2010 LWML FALL RETREAT
 BY MY HAND-FOR MY SAKE
 September 24 and 25, 2010



Held at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
 hosted by the Dubuque Zone



REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Church and Zone: _____

Please circle one.

Friday & Saturday \$50.00 \$ _____

Friday only \$20.00 _____

Saturday only \$25.00 _____

For late registrations
 (after Sept. 15) Add \$ 5.00 _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Dubuque Zone LWML

Mail registration & payment by Sept. 15 to:

Helene Kuempel, PO Box 160, Guttenberg, IA 52052

Bring snacks, friends, bibles, camping clothes and your smiles to have
 a great time at retreat!

INGATHERING FOR CAMP

SUGGESTIONS: Copy Paper; Disinfectant Spray; Scrub pads; Scrub
 brushes; Hand Sanitizers; Paper Towels; Paper Napkins; Zipper seal
 bags—all sizes; Dish Soap; Large size bandages; First Aid Kits; Duct Tape;
 Compact fluorescent light bulbs. See Camp web-site for more: [http://
 www.campiodiseca.org/Needs.pdf](http://www.campiodiseca.org/Needs.pdf)

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FOR MY SAKE



For just as through the disobedience of one man the many were made
 sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will
 be made righteous. ROMANS 5:15

Make Plans NOW to join us for a wonderful time of renewing old
 friendships and making new ones as well as spending quality time
 in the Word.

President's Message



"God Loves Me Dearly"

So what do I say to you as I write my sixteenth and last President's message on this Good Friday of 2010? It's the message from a childhood song taught by my teachers at St. Stephen's Lutheran School in Atkins long ago:

"God loves me dearly, grants me salvation; God loves me dearly, loves even me."

"I was in bondage, sin, death and darkness; God's love was working to make me free."

"He sent forth Jesus, my dear Redeemer; He sent forth Jesus and set me free."

"Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer; Jesus my Savior, paid all I owed."

"Now I will praise You, O Love eternal; now I will praise You all my life long."

(Each of these verses ends with this refrain, "Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly, God loves me dearly, loves even me.")

This simple, childlike song based on JOHN 3:16 is at the heart and core of the mission of the LWML. "God loves me and God loves you!" Is there a greater gift than God's everlasting love in our lives? What will we do with this most precious of all gifts?

As we recall the painful events of that first Good Friday, our Lord's resurrection on Easter, His ascension into heaven, and the outpouring of His Spirit on the lives of His disciples, we can say with Peter as he spoke to persecuted Christians in Asia Minor, "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you

to give the reason for the hope that you have." (1 PETER 3:15) When we do this, we are Lutheran Women in Mission, telling the good news of God's love in Christ at every opportunity. That's just what we do with this gift.

As I prepare to transition out of this office, I offer thanks to God who gave me this unique opportunity to serve Him by serving with you in the IDE LWML and on the LWML Board of Directors. To God be the glory.

My sincere thanks to each of you for your warm welcome four years ago, and your prayerful support as I walked through uncharted waters. What you have done for me, I am confident you will also do for your next president.

In Christian love and service,

Mabel Schmidt
President IDE LWML



PAST/PRESENT PRESIDENTS
Pictured are (left-to-right) Judy Westergren, Lynn Evans, Mabel Schmidt, Jan Wendorf, Kathy Scheer, Valeda Francik

VICE PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE from page six

My years of serving on the LWML IDE Board of Directors as Vice President of Christian Life will end with the convention in Davenport. The years I have served on the board have been such a blessing to me. It is hard to put my feelings into words, but I am so thankful to God that He provided this experience for

me. I am sure He will continue to find ways for me to serve Him, and in the future I can maybe join the board again.

See you at the Retreat at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca on September 24 and 25.

Marie Jeggatz
Vice President of Christian Life



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- District LWML Convention
June 18-19, 2010 - Davenport
- Fall Newsletter Deadline
July 15, 2010
(send to j.westergren1@vsr-inc.com)
- District Board Meeting
August 14, 2010
- Retreat Registration Due
September 15, 2010
- Retreat
September 24-25, 2010
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca
- Fall Zone Rallies
(Dates Coming in Fall Newsletter)
- LWML Sunday
October 3, 2010

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LWML STORE!

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow!" God has certainly blessed the giving of the societies, zones, and individuals of the Iowa District East LWML during this last period of the 2008-2010 biennium. On April 1, 2008 the challenges for the new biennium included a \$9,000.00 short fall in grant payments for the 2006-2008 biennium, adoption of the resolution that resulted in reducing the 2008-2010 biennium by one month, and a \$5,000.00 increase in the adopted grant total commitment for 2008-2010 plus rising world wide economic concerns. Because of God's faithfulness flowing through you more dollars were paid to grants in a shorter period of time and His purposes remained our guiding principle. Thanks be to God.



Betty Borchardt

It is a joy to receive and process the gifts you have provided to do the Lord's work in IDE and beyond. Thank you for your generous gifts motivated by your love for Jesus our Lord and Savior.

Betty Borchardt
IDE LWML Financial Secretary



Counselor's Corner

"As he [Saul] neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' 'Who are you, Lord?' Saul asked. 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' he replied. 'Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.'" ACTS 9:3-6

WHEN THE LIGHT FROM HEAVEN DOES NOT FLASH

Joyce didn't move a muscle. The worship service was over. The choir had filed out. The pastor was at the back door greeting the worshippers. The pews were quickly becoming empty. But Joyce did not move. She sat silently, her hands folded, her head bowed in prayer.

Mabel was a life-long friend of Joyce. As she was leaving the sanctuary that Sunday morning she happened to see her friend Joyce with her head bowed low. Mabel thought something must be wrong. She went quickly to Joyce's side, tapped her on the shoulder, and asked if everything was all right. "Oh, yeah, sure," Joyce replied, orienting herself once again to her surroundings. "I was just praying. I've got an important decision to make and I need all the help and guidance I can get."

"What decision is that?" Mabel asked. "About my future, Mabel. You know that I've just finished medical school. That's been my goal for any number of years now. So I've finished. So what? What do I do now? I never thought this would all seem so hard and complicated. I've got an offer to join a team of physicians. But I've also been invited to do a residency program in internal medicine. I'm really torn between these two offers. All I've ever wanted to do was to be a doc-

tor as a way of living out my Christian faith. Both of these offers open up an opportunity for me to serve God. But which one should I take? What does God want me to do with my life? That's the question I can't answer."

"And that's what you've been sitting here praying for?" Mabel asked.

"Yes," Joyce answered. "I really don't know what to do. So I pray. I don't think I've ever prayed for anything so much in my whole life. But I'm not getting any answers. God seems to be very silent!"

"Have you asked for advice from people you trust?" Mabel asked. Joyce nodded her head in assent. "Have you made a list of all the positives and negatives with these two possibilities?" Mabel inquired further. Joyce nodded for a second time. "I don't know what else you can do then," Mabel said in a comforting voice. "You've just got to make a bold decision now and get on with your life."

"That's easy for you to say," Joyce shot back. "How can I make a bold decision when I don't even know what to decide. Why can't I see a flash of light in the sky? Why doesn't a still, small voice speak to me?"

"Now you're asking too much," Mabel replied. "Only a handful of people, living or dead, have received such signs from God. I don't know if you were here a couple of weeks ago when Pastor Jaeger preached about discerning God's will for our lives. Make a list of the positives and negatives, he said. Talk to people you trust. Take the matter to God in prayer. Then decide with boldness which course to take."

"But what if I choose the wrong thing?" Joyce wondered aloud.

"The status of your life before God does not depend upon making right decisions," Mabel said firmly. "We live our lives under the canopy of God's forgiving love. Our God of grace will walk with you no matter what path you choose. And remember, 'God works all things together for good with those who love Him.' Don't worry, Joyce. God will take your decision, whatever it is, and make the best of it."

Pastor Weber
Iowa District East LWML Counselor

GOSPEL OUTREACH

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." JEREMIAH 29:11



Joyce Roberson
This is certainly true with Iowa District East LWML. As of April 2, 2010, the only remaining Mission Grants to be paid are Student Aid for college and seminary students, totaling \$8,500. What a truly blessed accomplishment! Mites have been coming in monthly as needed.

To date student aid applications for the 2010 school year are arriving slowly.

Joyce Roberson
Vice President of Gospel Outreach

LWML Mitebox Update

Excerpts from the April 9, 2010 letter from Jan Wendorf, LWML President to District Presidents:

The 2009-2011 LWML mission goal of \$1.825 million dollars is our game plan for the biennium. When your Executive Committee met in Peoria last month, the news was not good. Treasurer Helen Miller reported that as of February 28, 2010 we are behind our goal by roughly \$201,567. Vice President of Gospel Outreach Marilyn McClure reported that we have grant requests totaling \$323,350 that have been approved and are waiting for the funds to be sent.



Jan Wendorf

Please pray the Holy Spirit moves us to be faithful to the commitment we made in Portland.

ST. PAUL'S LWML, MARION:

Diana's Angel Project

It was 11 years ago that St. Paul's LWML adopted the unique ministry called Diana's Angel Project. This is a service ministry that supplies burial clothing for premature and stillborn infants. St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly, Iowa organized the Project. The outfits are made in three different styles and 5 different sizes for boys and girls. We work with the Touching Hearts Program at the University Hospital and Clinics in Iowa City.

Since our first delivery in August of 1998 we have made 43 deliveries supplying 1,229 outfits. Our volunteers have logged 202.5 hours this year during this years the Project \$100 each year its to purchase time we have from UHIC, Jon family (through contributions) nations to com-chasing of sup-has truly blessed try with funding tears - without reported would sible to achieve.



These the figures have been impos-
An Open House was held in April to celebrate 25 years of the Touching Hearts Program and to honor Jane Wilkins for her dedication as program coordinator. Jane was the one that started the Touching Hearts Program at UIHC. At the time there were no programs to help the parents when they had lost a child. She was very helpful when we contacted her about adding Diana's Angel Project to their Program.

Second, Diana's Angel Project was recognized for 2000 + hours of service to the Touching Hearts Program and the families at UIHC. Volunteer Services planned a buffet lunch on June 12th for the 5 ladies in our group.

This Project holds a very special place in my heart and there is no way I can adequately thank the people involved for their help - whether it be sewing, making booties, financial support, or prayers. To God be the Glory!!!

Wanda Van Dee
Coordinator of Diana's Angel Project

the LWML, this day stands at the top of the list for me. The entire day had a continuous flow of mentoring ideas in word, actions, and music. I am sure the young women's reps will remember their performance until they are 80 or 90. What an excellent way to use them. The pastors seemed to enjoy the day also. You made good use of every minute."



We give all praise and glory to the One who made this day possible for us, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He blessed us with His wisdom and guidance and made this day what He wanted it to be.

Your IDE LWML Assembly of Leaders planners,

Sharon Andreson, Mabel Schmidt, Betty Borchardt, Vickie Osborne, Martha Hartwig



**UPDATE FOR THE 2015 LWML CONVENTION AS OF 3/28/2010.
2015 CONVENTION RECEIPTS**

	2008-2009	2009-2010	TOTAL
MLC RECYCLING	\$3,471.23	\$4,196.76	\$7,667.99
DONATIONS	\$1,269.35	\$ 300.00	\$1,569.35
INTEREST INCOME	\$ 53.52	\$ 118.44	\$ 171.96
TOTAL	\$4,794.10	\$4,615.20	\$9,409.30

Thank you for all the hard work that you Sisters in Christ have been doing for this project. I encourage each of you to continue this work to help with convention expenses. If you have any questions, please contact your zone facilitator or myself.

I will have a display at our 2010 convention in Davenport and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Please stop by and see me.

Susan Bishop
District Ready-Set-Recycle Coordinator



**REPORT:
SPRING 2010 LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PICKUP -
CEDAR RAPIDS
CONGREGATIONS PARTICIPATED: 25**

	QTY	BOXES	POUNDS
QUILTS/BLANKETS	1,219	236	4,092
SOAP		13	47
HEALTH KITS	489	32	428
SCHOOL KITS	709	82	778
SEWING KITS	63	5	67
LAYETTES	392	78	1059
EXTRA MATERIAL		2	18
TOTALS	2,872	448	6,485

MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

Thanks Sandy!

"There is a woman's group at church I think you would enjoy and we are meeting next Thursday evening at 7. Would you join us? I'll stop and pick you up at 6:30."

It was with words very similar to those that Sandy Young invited me to my first LWML meeting almost 30 years ago. I was stay-at-home mom to two small children and didn't get out much, so the idea of a night without diapers or housework sounded wonderful. Even though I didn't know much about LWML, I went with her and soon discovered how exciting it can be to join with other Christian women in praise and service to our Lord. A year later, I was in Detroit, attending my first LWML convention. My life hasn't been the same since!



Martha Hartwig

Do you know someone in your congregation who needs an opportunity to gather for worship and Christian fellowship? She might be as shy, busy and unsure as I was so many years ago. I don't know how long it would have been before I went to an LWML event on my own. I may never have responded to an invitation in a bulletin or church newsletter. Have you considered planning an event at your church and personally inviting women from your congregation to join you? Is there a member in your society who could provide transportation to a meeting for someone who doesn't like to drive? Are you talking to women who join your congregation and inviting them to attend society meetings?

Are you planning to attend our Iowa District East LWML Convention this June and the LWML Convention in Peoria next summer? Conventions are a great opportunity to see how those coins and bills we drop in mite boxes provide funds for mission work around the world. They

also give us time to worship and praise our awesome God. Your Member Development Committee members look forward to meeting YWRs from your zones and seeing you in Davenport. We are gathering ideas for encouraging women, both those who are already LWMLers and women are not yet involved. What events, activities and strategies have been successful in encouraging women in your congregation? Drop me a note or email with your ideas. Bring them along to Davenport and drop them in the Member Development box that will be there. Maybe we can find a way for you to be someone's Sandy Young!

Martha Hartwig
Member Development Committee

VICE PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE

The Eldora Zone Spring Rally is history and since my society hosted, I was much involved in all the activities of the day. The theme was "Step Out in Faith" based on MATTHEW 28:18-20, where Jesus gave the great commission to His disciples. When I first heard the theme I misunderstood and thought it was "Step Out to Save." Isn't that what our precious Christian faith is all about? Step out to save. There are people all around us who do not know Jesus as their Savior. We don't have to step very far from our comfort zone to find them. God provides the means to prepare us to step out to save. All of us can pray, and that is the easiest and best way to begin any task. God is always listening and eagerly awaiting for us to call on Him. He wants to give us boldness so that we can step out to save.



Marie Tagatz



Friends Into Serving Him Teen LWML from Immanuel, St. Ansgar. Pictured: Katie Dryer, President Jan Wendorf, Andrea Grimm, Lauren Groth.



WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

A Time to Lead - Building up our Sisters in Christ

God was truly present during all aspects of planning and execution of "Building up our Sisters in Christ", the Assembly of Leaders' event on March 20th at Bethany Lutheran Church in Cedar Rapids. It was under His care that texts and musical selections were chosen by the pastors and IDE LWML President, Mabel Schmidt, for our education and enjoyment. It was under His care that over 130 participants arrived safely. It was under His care that LWML President Jan Wendorf was able to travel to our site to share her presentation on Christ-Centered Living. It was under His care that the women of Iowa District East enjoyed nourishment prepared by the women from Bethany Lutheran Church, assisted by women from King of Kings. Let's not forget the superb technical support we received for the sound system and PowerPoint presentations. Each aspect of our day was a beautiful gift, and clear that God uses each one's gifts to share Himself with us. There are so many people to thank for their assistance, guidance, and prayers. We received numerous favorable evaluations following the event, giving praise and thanks to from one GOD, who made it all possible. Sharing a quote of the participants...

"Thank you and all who were involved in the mentoring program. The theme was presented in so many different ways. In my 40 plus years in

