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**IDEA**  
*Iowa District East Alive*

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*This newsletter is dedicated to  
the memory of Valeda Francik*



*for her loving service to the Lord and our  
District LWML as President  
from 1966-1970.*

## President's Message



Dear Sisters in Christ

Happy Spring to each one of you! While I personally like winter and snow, it's wonderful to see and feel the miracles of spring as the weather warms, the trees bud, and plants start to poke up from the ground. They looked dead not that long ago and now they are not only green but many have sprung alive with wonderful colors. Then there is, of course, THE greatest miracle of all time - Christ's crucifixion for the sins of the world and His resurrection three days later. It is the ultimate GIFT to us from Him. It is His promise fulfilled.

HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

The 2011 Spring Rallies are now in the past. I hope you make attendance at your zone rallies a priority in your life. Rallies are a wonderful way to connect with other women who are like-minded and who want to serve God in any way they can. Between the speakers, the Bible Studies and everything else that takes place, it is a wonderful way to spend a day!

In the "everything else that takes place", let's not overlook the business part. Do I hear some of you groaning? Even though some women don't seem interested in this aspect of the LWML, conducting business is an important part of both rallies and conventions. Over the years, I have found that the more I learned about the workings of the LWML (or any organization), the more interesting it becomes and the more I want to learn. God instructs us in 1 Corinthians 14:40, "But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way." Making business decisions openly with the greatest participation of the membership is a way that is pleasing to God.

Blessings abound for those involved in every aspect of the LWML and that includes the business. By becoming informed about business items needing to be dealt with, and then either by voting myself or by giving my opinion to those voting for me, I can be an influence on who is elected to lead, how money is used and even on the structure

processes of the group. These three things encompass the business that takes place at both rallies and conventions.

To prepare for the Peoria Convention, please take time to review the proposed bylaw changes, review the grant list, and read the candidate biographies. Contact your zone delegate or me if you have questions or concerns you would like raised at convention. The bare bones reason for conventions is to deal with business. Other parts of conventions, the inspiration, the music, the worship, the speakers, the displays, the fellowship, those parts we love to participate in are the extras. Experiencing all of these things together is wonderful preparation for us as we return home ready and willing to continue work on the mission God has given us.

Since our last newsletter, God has called to himself another of our faithful LWML leaders, Valeda Francik. We dedicate this issue of the IDEA to her memory. Serving the LWML for 45 plus years in many ways and all levels, including as Iowa East LWML President from 1966-1970, her obituary described the part it played in her life. It read, "Over the years she realized that her involvement with that group had been a tremendous faith builder. She was exposed to wonderful Bible studies, tremendous speakers and wonderful friendships." We give thanks to God for both the mission He has given us in the LWML and the women He has provided who have led us in our mission.

In closing, I would like to share a word about two upcoming events. The Peoria Convention is approaching rapidly. It's late, but not too late to make plans to attend. Registration information can be found in the Winter 2010 Quarterly and online at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)

The other event is the District Retreat which will be hosted by the Eldora Zone this year. Important registration information and the registration form are included in this issue of the IDEA. The dates are September 16 & 17 at Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca. Taking advantage of as many opportunities for fellowship and learning that become available is a great way to keep fit for the race God has set before us. I hope to see you there!

*Janice Johnston*  
President IED LWML



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**JULY 15, 2011** - LWML Newsletter Deadline - Submit Articles to the editor, Judy Westergren

**SEPT. 16-17, 2011** - Retreat - Camp IO-DIS-E-CA Living with Jesus - 2 Cor. 5:7

**OCTOBER 1, 2011** - Deadline for Mission Grant Proposals

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**JUNE 8-9, 2012** - IED LWML Convention, Dubuque - Be mirrors - Reflect God's Glory. 2 Cor. 3:18. Cynthia Kahn from POBLO (Michigan) is keynote speaker and Interest Session Leader.

**JUNE 27-30, 2013** - LWML Convention, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**JUNE 25-28, 2015** - LWML Convention, Des Moines, Iowa

## Nominating Committee

It takes many willing hands and spirit-filled hearts to do the Lord's work in the LWML. With this in mind, the 2012 Iowa East District Nominating Committee is seeking LWML members to fill the following positions on the IED LWML Board:

- Vice President of Communication
- Vice President of Human Care
- Vice President of Servant Resources
- Treasurer

God has given each of us gifts and talents, not to be "hidden under a bushel," no, to be used to His Glory. Working on the LWML Board is an opportunity to use these gifts with other caring Christian women serving the Lord together. Having been blessed in the past with many willing servants, it is time for a new slate

of women to say "yes" as the Holy Spirit fills their hearts to join God's plan for the LWML of Iowa East District. Please prayerfully consider saying yes to one of the positions.

IED LWML members willing to be considered as nominees for these elected offices should contact your Zone President, Zone Nominating Committee Member, or Linda Berghoefer, Chairman of the 2012 LWML Nominating Committee:

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641-456-3975 • cyberg@wbfrec.com

*Linda Berghoefer*  
Nominating Committee Chairman

# Society

## "OLD BAG BRUNCH"



*"Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted..."* Luke 12:33b was the theme verse for an "Old Bag Brunch" hosted by St. John's Dorcas Society of Reinbeck on February 12.

It all started with a holiday Scripture reading - and once the ideas started coming, they didn't stop:

Laura Woebbeking wrote an original skit entitled, "Where's your Heart? Where's your Treasure?"

The ladies were invited to bring a favorite 'bag' and share its story. (Mary won the prize for 'best story' by sharing the purse her mother carried to church every Sunday with a hanky and offering inside.)

Purses were weighed, with prizes for the heaviest, lightest and prettiest. Purses and examples of 'earthly' and 'heavenly treasures' served as centerpiece. Table favors were small felt purses attached to cards printed with Luke 12:33b.

A purse scavenger hunt was held with grab bag prizes of purse-related items - tissue packs, travel-size lotion, pocket calendar, etc. Even some Brunch items were 'bag' themed.

With attendees ranging in age from 11 months to 91 years, everyone enjoyed sharing the time together.

## OUR REDEEMER, IOWA CITY



The Our Redeemer Comfort-iers found they had made and distributed a record number of mission quilts in 2010. The total was just under 700 quilts besides the 106 baby quilts and other sewn items! Most of the kudos belong to Lillian Moyer, who did the majority of the sewing. Pictured from left to right:

Front row - Dixie Walker, Linda West, Carol Schuldt and Cheryl Davis-soin.

Back row - Lillian Moyer, Betty Redeker, Bev Prem and Ruth Langehough.

Besides LWR, other recipients included the Ronald McDonald House, Domestic Violence House, Orphan Grain Train, Concern for Women, Boys' Ranch, Camp IO-DIS-E-CA, fire victims, Navajo reservation, Shelter House, Hope Lodge, Salvation Army and Afghanistan.

A member of Prince of Peace in Coralville, IA, Leona Sidmore, also generously contributed some of the backs and tops. Two other younger members of Our Redeemer, Angie Hotz and Rhonda Waters (not pictured), helped in hemming the comforters.

# Zone

## CLINTON ZONE:

The Clinton Zone LWML held their Spring Rally April 2, 2011 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Mound, IA. Breakfast was served before the meeting at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Arthur Rickman led Bible Study with the theme "In Word & Deed: Praising God & Serving Your Neighbor."

Sharon Andresen, vice president of Gospel Outreach, was our District Representative. Christian Life committee presented the skit "Take Time." The nominating committee for Fall election of secretary and treasurer was named. Committee reports were given.

Our speaker, Pam Williams, of Madison, NE, told about her family's short term mission trip to Banda Aceh, Indonesia 4 years after the tsunami struck there in December, 2004. Pam, a nurse, gave health presentations in nearby villages besides their mission to teach English to 745 students.

Our ingathering of personal items, food, paper products for Carroll Assistance Center, Wheatland, IA was well blessed. The attendance was 58 and our collection was \$294.00.

*Linda Wiese*  
President

## WESTGATE ZONE:

The Westgate Zone had the Spring Rally on April 9. Hosting was Lydia Circle of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, Iowa. We started with brunch 8:30 to 9:30. Meeting followed with Devotions by Pastor Roger Sterle, Pastor Daniel Johnson from Marshalltown, Iowa speaking on his work with the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society. The meeting followed. The ingathering was for school supplies for the Pre-School in our Westgate Zone. We had 47 ladies, 3 Pastors, and 2 visitors. Total attendance of 52.

*Marlys Deterding*  
President



## Counselor's Corner

### Mother's Day Cards

*Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. (1 John 4:7-12)*

Most of the students at Trinity Lutheran School made Mother's Day cards in art class, but not Alex.

"I don't know what to put on this card. Besides, I'm not an artist," Alex complained. "Why can't I just buy a card, like my dad does?"

"Well, you can buy your mom a card," Mrs. Schroeder answered. "But you can make one too. It would be really special to

your mom because of the effort you put into it. It's more than the card anyway - it's the love shared between you and your mom. Think of all the things your mom does for you, and you'll find your own special 'card' for her."

As Alex helped run errands after track practice, he had a great idea. Instead of a card, he asked his dad to buy a sponge for him. On Sunday, Alex's mom was delighted when she received a sponge with this note attached:

For taking me to soccer, basketball and track; This Mother's Day, I have to say, how much I love you back! This card is good for two free car washes!

Alex discovered that it wasn't the card that mattered - it was the love behind it that was the best gift to his mom.

God gave us His best gift when Jesus was born to be the Savior of our sinful world. God did all that because He loves us; we are His children. Any love we experience on earth is also a gift from God - a gift that comes through other people.

Mother's Day is a great day to remember

God's gift to us. Thank her, if you have the opportunity, for sharing with you the message of Jesus.

Those of you who are mothers are gifts yourself. And you have been gifted to share with your child your love, and the love of Jesus

*Pastor Weber*



**READY** - Yes we are continuing to get "ready" for the 2015 National Convention in Des Moines.

**SET** - Do we have a "set" goal to be raised? At this time I have not heard of a goal for this fund raiser. This question has been asked by several LWMLer's.

**RECYCLE** - Keep those items to "recycle" coming.....

### TOTALS AS OF MARCH 26, 2011:

**RECYCLED ITEMS = \$15,268.76**

**DONATIONS = 3,166.14**

**INTEREST = 445.10**

**TOTAL = \$18,880.00**

*Susan Bishop*  
District Facilitator IED

## GOSPEL OUTREACH

HELP US HELP YOU TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS!

*I lift up my eyes to the hills - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1-2*

God is so good! He provides help in limitless ways. For generations, God has provided financial help through the Iowa East District (IED) LWML mission grants. As in the past, we are eager to witness God's perfect plan once again, as we look ahead to new mission grant goals for the 2012-2014 biennium.

Mission Grant Proposals - Due October 1, 2011

Proposals should be written succinctly and to the point and be no more than 1/2 page long. Longer supporting documents are allowed. You can get ideas from missionary correspondence, programs/opportunities to help others find Jesus, LCMS School education Needs, etc.

All Grant proposals are reviewed by the Grants Committee, as well as the District LCMS President. *Keys considered for approval:*

1. Mission Emphasis
2. Extending the ministry of the Word?
3. Does it fit into the plans and projections of the LCMS?
4. Is it current and ready for implementation... Is it well documented?
5. Does the grant have the approval of its governing body?

*Other Considerations:*

1. Are there other funding sources? If this is partial funding, who will fund the remainder?
2. Who will be the contact person if the grant is adopted?
3. Who or which agency will implement, administer the funds, conduct the follow up?
4. Include all contact information (address, email, phone, fax) of each person or agency.
5. Is there a budget of the proposed program?
6. What is the salary, scholarship (etc.) amounts?
7. How many people will benefit from this grant?

Following approval at the November 2011 board meeting, the grant proposals will be voted upon at the LWML IED convention in 2012.

Proposals should be written referencing groups or organizations (not specific persons) that will benefit from the grant monies. Sponsors will be expected to sign the proposal.

Special notes: A proposal has several parts -- the goals, needs (each listed separately), summary of purpose, and the resolution.

Additional information about grant proposals can be obtained by going to IED LWML Website: <http://www.ide-lwml.org> - click on "Missions" on the left and scroll down to the bottom where it says "Click here to download Grant Applications for 2012-2014" and click on the underlined words.

If you feel your favorite mission meets the criteria to apply, then you're ready to move forward with writing the grant in the format requested. If you have questions, do not hesitate to call Sharon Andresen, IED LWML Vice President of Gospel Outreach, for assistance. Do not delay! The application deadline is October 1, 2011



## CHRISTIAN LIFE

Spring is in the air, daffodils are blooming, we can open our windows to feel the warm fresh air and hear birds sing. God's glorious creation is coming back to life after long winter hibernation. Soon we'll hear the hum of lawn mowers and children playing outdoors. The question that often comes next is what are you doing or where are you going for your summer vacation? Vacation is a time to get away, relax, see and do new and different things.

As we plan and enjoy this summer break, we need to remember that summer, this time of taking a break from our routine, does not mean taking a break from God as children of our Father in Heaven, we need His daily guidance and protection. When we miss that regular feeding of His Word, we find ourselves relying more on ourselves and material things than on God and His many blessings.



Twelve-year old Jesus journeyed to Jerusalem for the celebration of the Passover. I'm sure Jesus had a good time being with his friends and family - having time to see and do something different, taking a break in his routine. But rather than continuing to enjoy his "vacation" when it was time to leave, Jesus stayed at the temple" ....listening to the teachers and asking questions." (Luke 2:46b) When his worried parents finally found him He admonished them, "Didn't you know I had to be in my Fathers' house?" (Luke 2:49b). He set the perfect examples, reminding each of us to put God first in our Life.

The 3rd commandment tells us, "*Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.*" Luke 11:28 says, "*Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.*" In Matt. 11:28-29, Jesus reminds us to, "*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls.*" Not only can we find rest on vacation, but more importantly we find comfort and rest for body and soul in the Word of God. These directions also include our summer break time! Don't let the devil tempt you into a "vacation from God" as well as a vacation from your daily routine.

Take your summer vacation - but remember to take God with you and let His word nourish you daily.

*Sharon Akers,*

Vice President of Christian Life



### Romans 8:28

***And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.***

### VALEDA

*This was my mom's favorite Bible verse and the text for her funeral sermon. If you knew my sweet mother, you knew a woman that truly believed these word and knew that the Lord worked for the good in her life. It's not that she didn't have trials and tribulations during her 83 years; she did...but she always knew that those challenges were part of God's perfect plan for her life. And there was much "good" in her life and she was adamant to give God the glory for all of it.*

*One "good" in her life was the LWML. Mom was involved in this organization for over 50 years and served in many offices at the local, zone and district level, including being president of Iowa District East in the 60's. She credited the LWML with strengthening her faith and enhancing her life with wonderful life long friendships. God is good! And we thank and praise Him for the LWML and the opportunity to serve Him through it.*

*Cindy Goerd, Valeda's daughter*

### IED LWML EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

**Seated l to r:** Joanne Hartman, Janice Johnston, Betty Borchardt, Helen Huedepohl.

**Standing l to r:** Rev. Gregory Williamson, Carole Zimmermann, Angie Banko, Sharon Andresen, Sharon Akers, Pat Ehler, Rev. David Weber.



All of you society treasurers give yourselves a pat on the back for promptly sending your mites and other monies to the Financial Secretary. Give yourself a second pat on the back if you remembered to include a Remittance Blank for all monies, including payment for the Quarterly and IDEA.

I am weekly amazed at the generosity of the women of Iowa East District. Since April of 2010, IED societies have submitted almost \$72,000. Individuals and Zones have added to that total - all to further the Lord's Work in Eastern Iowa and around the world.

Serving Him with You,

*Helen Huedepohl*  
Financial Secretary



### SOCIETY CONTRIBUTIONS

ALDEN, ST. PAUL LADIES AID (25)	\$248.76
ATKINS, ST. STEPHENS LADIES SOCIETY (25)	\$1,201.82
BELLE PLAINE, FIRST LUTHERAN LADIES AID (18)	\$226.08
BENNETT, ST. PAUL LADIES AID	\$0.00
BETTENDORF, OUR SAVIOR LWML (18)	\$435.85
BLAIRSTOWN, GRACE LUTHERAN LADIES AID (8)	\$973.73
BUCKEYE, ST. PAUL LUTHERAN LADIES AID (12)	\$72.93
BURLINGTON, CONCORDIA MARY/MARTHA GUILD (4)	\$293.97
CEDAR FALLS, COLLEGE HILL EVENING GUILD (15)	\$254.50
CEDAR FALLS, OUR REDEEMER MARY MARTHA GUILD (10)	\$155.30
CEDAR RAPIDS, BETHANY WOMEN'S GUILD (85)	\$879.98
CEDAR RAPIDS, CONCORDIA WOMEN'S MISSION CIRCLE	\$200.00
CEDAR RAPIDS, KING OF KINGS LWML (30)	\$816.32
CEDAR RAPIDS, TRINITY HOME MISSION SOCIETY (65)	\$580.24
CEDAR RAPIDS, WORD OF GOD ELIZABETH (11)	\$0.00
CENTER POINT, ST. JOHN LWML	\$75.00
CHARITON, TRINITY LADIES AID (15)	\$113.15
CHARLOTTE, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN WOMEN (30)	\$809.98
CLINTON, ST. JOHN LADIES AID (16)	\$453.24
CLINTON, ST. JOHN MARY/MARTHA SOCIETY (16)	\$180.00
CLINTON, TRINITY EVENTIDE (22)	\$135.00
CLINTON, TRINITY LADIES AID (14)	\$56.80
CONROY, TRINITY LADIES GUILD (INACTIVE)	0.00
CORALVILLE, PRINCE OF PEACE WOMEN (8)	\$582.24
DAVENPORT, HOLY CROSS ALTRUISTIC GUILD (24)	\$283.57
DAVENPORT, IMMANUEL LADIES AID (10)	\$0.00
DAVENPORT, IMMANUEL MISSION CLUB (15)	\$135.07
DAVENPORT, RISEN CHRIST LWML (35)	\$527.45
DAVENPORT, TRINITY LWML (40)	\$748.55
DELAWARE, ST. PAULS WOMEN'S SOC (5)	\$234.00



## MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

### The Tale of an Amazing Easter Lily

Two Easters ago my husband Duane and I purchased an Easter Lily to honor Jesus resurrection, and to memorialize his mother, Barb Woebbecking, who had gone to be with her Savior following a six month battle with cancer. She was passionate about the LWML in her small rural church and eagerly participated at the district level as well. She wore her faith on her shirt sleeve and was willing to share it with everyone. It seemed fitting to remember her on the day in which we celebrated our Savior's resurrection in celebration of her life beyond the grave.

The Easter Lily came home following the inspirational Easter service and our family enjoyed the aroma of the beautiful flower for another week or two. When the blooms and the foliage had faded, I tossed the dead plant into my garden. It seemed like the "green" thing to do.

Two Summers later, the lily materialized. Thinking it was a weed, I hit it with Round-up and never gave the strange garden intruder another thought. Wild geraniums grew around the fragile lily protecting it against another splash of weed killer and it secretly thrived. It was July when I made the shocking discovery of the lily's existence. The amazing Easter symbol had fought through a harsh Iowa winter in their north sided garden, and a lethal dose of Round-up to finally claim its spot in her garden displaying a breathtaking bloom.

To understand the incredible existence of this Easter Lily you need to know its survival requirements. These tender flowers are grown along a ten mile stretch of the Pacific Coast at the Oregon and California border. Here an exact combination of soil, climate, water and expert horticulturists perfect the God given beauty. Bulbs are nurtured in these perfect fields for three to four years, and handled 30 to 40 times before they are ready to proudly proclaim Christ's resurrection in churches around our nation on Easter morning.

By all logic, this lily should not have survived even the mildest of Iowa's winters. The Tama soils should not have been adequate to promote its growth. The little lily was abandoned. It experienced extreme punishment, was disregarded and battered. It was dead and buried, yet it lives.

The extraordinary story of this amazing Easter Lily is a beautiful symbol of the promise of salvation that we have in Jesus Christ. He overcame incredible odds and defeated Satan. He rose from the dead. He proclaims victory for us. He lives! And because He lives, we live. Even though Easter Sunday is now weeks ago, the joy of Easter should be in our hearts all year round!

*Laura Woebbecking*

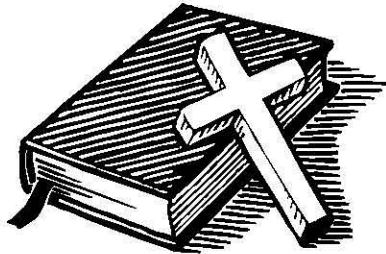
Member Development Committee



**Editor's Note: Valeda was a mentor to many of us who have served at the Society, Zone and District levels. She was quick to encourage and offer words of wisdom regarding serving our Lord through the LWML and the opportunity to serve Him through it.**

The Women of Eldora Zone invite you to the  
2011 LWML IED Fall Retreat

## Living for Jesus



September 16-17, 2011  
Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

For We Live By Faith, Not By Sight  
2 Corinthians 5:7

Activities will include Bible study, guest speaker from Boys  
Ranch of South Dakota, special entertainment, faith walk,  
servant events

Ingathering will be for Camp Io-Dis-E-Ca

Listed items are needed the most

Postage stamps	Copy paper
Breakfast cereal	Zipper seal bags any size
Laundry detergent	Hand sanitizer
Toilet bowl cleaner	Bleach
Kleenex	Coffee/Tea
Construction paper	Lemonade/Kool aid

## Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Church/Zone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Choose one of the following:

Friday only	\$25.00
Saturday only	\$30.00
Friday & Saturday	\$52.00

Late Fee (After September 1<sup>st</sup>) \$5.00

Total enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary needs (please check)

Diabetic	_____
Gluten Free	_____
Allergy (list to what)	_____
Vegetarian	_____
None	_____

Please list any other special needs \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration and payment by September 1, 2011 to:

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