



Mark your calendars now!

Wyoming District LWML Convention, June 19-21, 2008

- Theme: “O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer” Psalm 19:14b
- Location – The Headwaters Arts & Conference Center, Dubois, WY
- Lodging – The Stagecoach Motor Inn, Dubois, WY
- Keynote Speaker – Rev. Gerald Paul of Star Valley Mission Christ Our Savior, Thayne, WY
- Mission Speaker – Rev. Don Nemecek of Crowheart/Wind River, Ft. Washakie, WY
- Worship Proclaimer – Rev. Richard O. Boche, Wyoming District President, of Casper, WY

Ask your pastor to be a LWML Counselor

Portland LWML Convention – June 25-28-2009 Preparations are underway to select two Pastoral Counselor Nominees for the 2009 Convention ballot. The deadline to submit names is October 31, 2007. If any pastor from the Wyoming District would be interested in being a national pastoral counselor, please contact Gerry Neeriemer, Wyoming District LWML President, for required forms and more information. The counselors are an important part of our organization. We request your prayers for the guidance of our Lord for the Pastoral Counselor to be elected at the Portland LWML Convention on June 25-28, 2009.

Congratulations!

One of our Wyoming LWML delegates to the Sioux Falls Convention has been asked to serve on a national committee. **It is Lori Lewis, High Plains Delegate.** Sandy Hardies, Vice President of Communications, has asked her to be a part of a Web site task force for the next biennium. She will attend meetings in St. Louis, MO, as well as help at the Portland, Oregon Convention in June 2009.

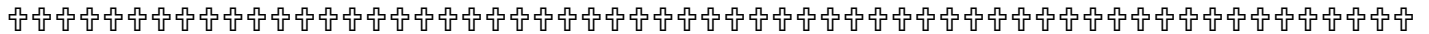
Mite Box Goal \$1,700,000

LWML News from National: More than 5,000 women and men attended the Convention in Sioux Falls, S.D. June 21-24, 2007. The new LWML mite goal for 2007-2009 is \$1,700,000. WOW!

WYOMING DISTRICT LWML MISSION GRANTS FOR 2006-2008

Adopted July 15, 2006, at the Laramie, Wyoming Convention
“Walking in His Light—Life With My Lord”

1.	Wind River I Paid Indian Mission	\$2,500.00
2.	Star Valley M Paid Mission	\$5,000.00
3.	Student Scholarships at Concor Paid dia Theological Seminary, India	\$3,600.00
4.	Lutheran Church Paid at Saratov, Russia	\$2,500.00
5.	Lutheran Blind M Paid Mission	\$5,000.00
6.	Church Planting and Building Paid Project, - Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan	\$2,500.00
7.	Bibles for G Paid hana	\$2,500.00
8.	Lutheran Bible Translators in Liberia*	\$9,400.00
	Total	\$33,000.00
	Less Last Biennium Re-allotment	- \$ 3,000.00
	Total Mission Goal	\$30,000.00



Let's Hear from Human Care!

Scholarship monies for the first semester in the 2007-2008 school year were sent to six students in the amount of \$500.00 each. Those recipients were:

- Calitlin Hoff, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort. Wayne, IN
- Alexandra Johansen, Concordia University Nebraska, Seward, NE
- James Mosier, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN
- Nathan Neugebauer, Concordia University Nebraska, Seward, NE
- Stephen Rutherford, Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO
- Jesse Wisroth, Concordia University Nebraska, Seward, NE

These two alternates received the interest monies from the Bangert and Pitsch Memorial Funds in the amount of \$329.46 each:

Audrey Herrmann, Concordia University Nebraska, Seward, NE
Abby Zenk, Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, WI

I was privileged to attend the National LWML Convention in Sioux Falls this summer. I worked in the Human Care booth in the exhibit area giving back rubs, hug coupons, and patterns for chemo caps for cancer patients. My servant event was building for Thrivent (1 Corinthians 10:31) – I now know carpentry is not my calling!!!!

Blessings,
Evie Miller, VP of Human Care



“The Lord, My Solid Rock”



~ A Devotion for Christian Life

My soul finds rest in God alone: my salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and salvation: He is my fortress. I will never be shaken (Psalm 62:1-2).

Some of my favorite childhood memories revolve around rocks. Growing up in southeast Nebraska meant that Dad would take us to the limestone pits on a Saturday afternoon and we would dig for fossils. We always came home with the car full of those tan rocks, which, if split just right, gave you the impressions of sea animals caught in mud ages ago. Those rocks were displayed in our basement science lab. Each summer we journeyed to my mother’s homeland of Colorado. The kids’ voices from the back of the station wagon were heard as we wound up the mountain roads, “Dad, find us a stream where we can throw rocks in the water!” We also loved going to the old mines in the mountain ghost towns to dig through the slag piles searching for Fool’s Gold (iron pyrite). As we hiked in the mountains, Mom would collect a few unique rocks to bring back to Nebraska so the Colorado colors could adorn the flower garden. **Rocks** always meant **fun** to me!

My husband, on the other hand, was raised in western Wisconsin and has no love for rocks. Each spring he and his siblings were summoned by their dad to head to the fields to pick up rocks after the crops of oats and corn were planted. Their farmland was in a glacial drop where rocks emerged from the dark soil every year and had

to be cleared out so the farming equipment wouldn't be wrecked and plants could grow. **Rocks** always meant **work** for him!

Needless to say, my husband is not thrilled as I pick up rocks almost every place we travel as visual reminders of an exceptional event. The early Old Testament records stories of many individuals piling up rocks to mark a special experience or revelation from God, so my ritual has precedence. Often I write the date on the rock to help bring to mind a wonderful memory.

As I look at my collection of rocks, they continually remind me of the many Psalms that speak of God as our **Rock** and **Fortress**. The word picture that David has drawn in Psalm 62 is a rock-constructed high tower of defense that offers a place of protection and shelter for weary and frightened people. What a grand description of our God who stands beside us in all situations of life and promises to guide us through the difficult times! David writes that we can even **rest** inside this Fortress. Whether we are sad because our dreams for family or friends have not been fulfilled or distraught because of past hurtful experiences, weakened from ill health or afraid to take steps for necessary changes in our life, our Rock and Fortress provides peace, support and rest. As we trust the Lord with our fun times and hours of work, He will provide all we need for daily life. Let us rejoice in God, our **Rock** and **Fortress**.

We pray: *Come; let us sing for joy to the LORD: let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song* (Psalm 95:1-2). Amen!

Scripture is from NIV Lois Voeltz, Woodland Park, CO
Published by Lutheran Women's Missionary league – 2007
The Lord, My Solid Rock

As I read this devotion, I too could relate to the beauty, strength and formation of rocks. I remember how our children collected and polished rocks, which I have kept in a coffee can in the basement. When we hear the word "Rock" we think of a strong foundation. As we sing in the chorus of the hymn "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less," *On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.* As we read in Psalm 19:14 "May the Words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and Redeemer." Christ Jesus is our TRUE Rock and Redeemer in whom we take refuge. This and many other devotions can be ordered from the LWML catalog.

Delores Vogel, Christian Life Chairman
Janet Walters, Assistant



Need a devotion?

Gerry Neeriemer sent these as some recommendations from the LWML catalog:

- All Things Through Christ - Code # 5135
- Gold, Frankincense, and Me - Code # 59938
- Let The Little Children Come to Me - Code # 59942
- Road Signs for Life - Code # 5127



THE YELLOWSTONE ZONE REPORT

The Yellowstone Zone, formally the Worland Zone, revised our by-laws and they were approved by the District at the February meeting . We will also accommodate Buffalo and Sheridan, our two new sister societies, by holding our Fall Rally and Spring Workshop on Saturdays rather than Sunday afternoon; and, holding the Fall Rally in mid-September.

Our January retreat was cancelled due to nasty weather. The Executive Board made the decision to cancel further retreats but incorporate a retreat/workshop in the spring.

On April 21, 2007, 27 LWML members and 3 pastors were present at our Spring Workshop in Cody. Pastor Klug from Cody opened with a devotion and Pastor Wisroth from Powell led the Bible study based on Galatians 3:24-29. Danyne Six led us in a Bible trivia/ prayer partner activity; then we enjoyed a spectacular lunch compliments of the Christ the King LWMLers.

Our Fall Rally was held September 15th at St. John's in Lovell with 40 participants attending. Pastor Brandt from Lovell led us in the opening prayer and Pastor Wisroth led us in a wonderful Bible study from 1 Peter 2 based on the theme "Rock On." We enjoyed an entertaining power point depicting the National Convention in Sioux Falls; sang Janice Hamilton's rendition of the National Convention; and, feasted on a potato bar and ice cream sundaes with homemade toppings compliments of the St. John's LWMLers.

The following officers were elected:

Danyne Six-President
Bev Wise-V. President
Marion Leonhardt-Secretary
Chris Klitzke-Treasurer

We are now hosting the rallies and workshops on a rotation basis. The host of the Fall Rally will also designate the ingathering. This year's ingathering: health kits going to the Lovell Food Bank.

Our prayer is that in two years our sister societies in Buffalo and Sheridan will be willing to hold elected offices and will host a Fall Rally and Spring Workshop.

We are looking forward to many blessings as God leads us through our next two years as well as into the future.

Are you Strong ~ Or a Woman of Strength?

Here are excerpts from “Women of Strength; Women who ROCK” by Jan Wendorf, LWML President

- ~ A strong woman works out every day to keep her body in shape . . . but a woman of strength looks deep inside to keep her soul in shape.
- ~ A strong woman isn't afraid of anything . . . but a woman of strength shows courage in the midst of fear.
- ~ A strong woman won't let anyone get the best of her . . . but a woman of strength gives her best to everyone.
 - ~ A strong woman makes mistakes and avoids the same in the future . . . a woman of strength realizes life's mistakes can also be blessings and capitalizes on them.
 - ~ A strong woman walks sure footedly . . . but a woman of strength knows when to ask for help.
- ~ A strong woman wears the look of confidence on her face . . . but a woman of strength wears grace.
- ~ A strong woman has faith that she is strong enough for the journey . . . but a woman of strength has faith that it is in the journey that she will become strong.
- ~ A strong woman thinks she can do it all . . . but a woman of strength knows she can do everything through Him (Christ) who gives her the strength. (Philippians 4:13).

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Got Pictures????

As per the Zone realignment, every zone is named after a particular landmark. Send me a picture of that landmark and I'll use it as the zone logo. Example? See Yellowstone Zone!

Also . . . Has your zone or society done something out of the ordinary??? I'd love to share pictures and articles!

Danyne Six, Newsletter Editor