



**Fall 2009 – Wyoming District LWML President’s Report**

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**“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.” Romans 5:1-2**

**PORTLAND CONVENTION**

President Gerry Neeriemer and twenty-four Wyoming District people attended the 33<sup>rd</sup> Biennial LWML Convention on June 25-28, 2009 at the Oregon Convention Center – Portland, Oregon. The theme was “Look to the Hills...God Reigns!” The delegates selected new officers, approved bylaw changes, and voted for a new mission grants goal of \$1,825,000. The convention meetings were something to experience with over 3,200 conventioners. It was truly a mountain top experience. (See the Convention Highlights on the LWML Web site at [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org))

**THANK YOU Wyoming District LWML Delegates:** Connie Cordes, Chimney Rock; Diane Schurman, Headwaters; Cindy Anderson, High Plains; Barbara Schaer, Pine Ridge; Shirley Mortensen, Powder River; Lana Ruper, Yellowstone. Thanks for serving the Lord with gladness!

**LWML Makes It Easy to Be a Leader!** Ever wondered about a topic for your LWML meeting? Need new skit ideas? Did you know that after each national convention, the LWML office has a wonderful resource ready to go based on the current convention theme? The newest resource is titled, “*Planning Made Easy– The work is done, so planning’s fun!*” It is a meeting and event planner for 2009-2011. It’s an investment (\$15) that you’ll use over and over again. I will have a sample for your December 2009 meeting at your zone event. Order from the new 2009-2010 LWML Catalog, page 50 #14223.

**ZONE EVENTS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<b><u>SEPT</u></b>		
<b><u>2009</u></b>		
12	Pine Ridge Zone Fall Retreat	Bethlehem, Crawford, NE
12	Chimney Rock Zone Retreat	Redington, NE
19	Yellowstone Zone Fall Rally	St. Paul, Thermopolis, WY
19	Powder River Zone Fall Rally	Bethlehem, Moorcroft, WY
26	Headwaters Zone Fall Rally	Mt. Calvary, Dubois, WY
27	High Plains Zone Fall Rally	King of Glory, Cheyenne, WY
<b><u>OCT</u></b>		
<b><u>2009</u></b>		
9	WY LWML EC Vision Meeting	Mt. Hope, Casper, WY
10	WY Dist. LWML EC Meeting	Mt. Hope, Casper, WY
10	Pine Ridge Zone Fall Rally	Grace Lutheran, Gordon, NE
24	Chimney Rock Zone Rally	St. John, Scottsbluff, NE

## WYOMING DISTRICT LWML NEWS

Chimney Rock Zone will host the 20<sup>th</sup> Biennial Wyoming District LWML Convention in Gering, Nebraska, on June 17-19, 2010. The Convention Co-Chairmen are Irma Walter and DeVon Hadden.

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Mite boxes have changed in color and design over the years, but what has never changed is the dedication of freely given offerings for the purpose of reaching out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Districts still retain 75% of mite offerings for the work of the LWML at that level. National mites receive 25% of mite offerings. We are Lutheran Women in Mission!

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### Wyoming District LWML Mission Grants for 2008-2010

Star Valley Mission	\$800 PAID
Wyoming District Lutheran Elementary Schools	\$3,000 PAID
Orphan Grain Train, Nile River Barge	\$5,000 PAID
Trinity/HOPE, Lutheran Schools in Haiti	\$5,000 PAID
Concordia Seminary Food Bank, St. Louis, MO	\$3,000 PAID
Wyoming District – LCMS Evangelism Committee, Tell The Good News About Jesus Convocation	\$3,000 \$1,500
Concordia Theological Society, Ft. Wayne, IN	\$3,000
Lutheran Schools in Guatemala	\$5,000
Lutheran Blind Mission	\$5,000
LCMS World Relief and Human Care, The Themba Trust (partial pay)	<u>\$1,200</u>
Total	<u>\$34,000</u>

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**Make a note** that the current Financial Secretary is Janette Stahl. Please send all mite monies to her at 8939 Road 40, Potter, NE 69156. [WYDistFinancialSec@gmail.com](mailto:WYDistFinancialSec@gmail.com)

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We thank Jennifer Scheel and Karen Lininger, YWRs, for attending the Portland Convention. We look forward to their excitement in sharing with all the young women of the Wyoming District LWML the wonderful opportunities they have in the LWML. Our Nebraska and Wyoming young women are the "Pride of the District." <http://wy.lcms.org/Pres/LWML/lwml.htm> See the Young Women's Web page.

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## LWML NEWS

President Janice Wendorf invites everyone to focus: In the Word, Of the Word, and Walking with the LORD. She asks, "Do you own one of our purple *Today's Light*<sup>®</sup> Bible? Use it to read through the entire Bible in two years' time. If you begin now, you can read the entire Bible by our 2011 convention in Peoria! The dates for the 34<sup>th</sup> Biennial LWML Convention in Peoria, Illinois are June 23-26, 2011."

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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH is the site of the 2017 convention by unanimous vote of the Portland Delegates. Wyoming, Utah-Idaho, Rocky Mountain Districts and (maybe Montana) will host this convention. The Salt Palace Convention Center is God's Plan – Exactly where we need to be.

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**For it is by God's GRACE that I have been saved through FAITH and not of myself. It is a gift of God, not of works, lest I should boast; and that gives me HOPE, PEACE, and JOY!**  
(Paraphrase Eph. 2:8-9) submitted by Linda Fischer, Leader Development/Hope Assistant

**"Grace, Faith, Peace, Joy, Hope!" Romans 5:1-2**