



Wyoming District LWML Spiritual Resource Newsletter Winter 2008



News you can use!

GERRY SHARES



“What do you know about this New Year? There is bound to be a lot of change and a lot of challenges, right?” We know this because we can look back and see the changes and challenges that happened to us last year. Temporal time proceeds swiftly. We are overwhelmed by responsibilities, emotional stress, physical illness, and spiritual warfare. Yet God, in His Word and Sacrament thrusts us into an eternal awareness that surpasses human understanding. His time is marked by peace, grace, mercy, and forgiveness.

So how do we live with the challenges that God puts before us?

How will we meet the changes that will come?

We find contentment and strength in how God has always worked throughout history.

1. Look to the Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer.
2. Look always at the faithfulness of God. He keeps His word; He promises and then fulfills those promises.
3. Look at what God has done with His strong and gracious hand.

I hope that you can look at your history and see the faithful and good hand of God in your life!

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

“Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is your faithfulness.” Lamentations 3:21-23

Challenges? Changes? Absolutely!! But our God who has blessed our histories in the past will be gracious this coming year – He will always be faithful!! I look forward to seeing you at the Wyoming District LWML Convention in Dubois, Wyoming, on June 19-21, 2008.

Convention information and registration forms will be available soon on the Web site!

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Zoning In...



CHIMNEY ROCK ZONE LWML REPORT

The Chimney Rock Zone LWML held the Fall Rally October 14 at Faith-Gering with 79 attending. Pastor Neugebauer led our opening devotions and also our Bible study based on the theme “O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer” from Psalm 19:14b. Our speaker was Charlie Kiersch, LCMS World Relief & Human Care representative from Fremont, NE. Our ingathering was “Cows for Kenya” project thru LCMS World Relief and Human Care with the total brought from societies plus the half the offering taken that day \$5,524.00. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!!!

Officers were elected and 2008 officers are:

Evie Miller.....President
Bernice Craft.....Vice President
Connie Cordes.....Secretary
Jeanette Stahl.....Treasurer
Rev. Ted Bourret.....Counselor



POWDER RIVER ZONE LWML REPORT

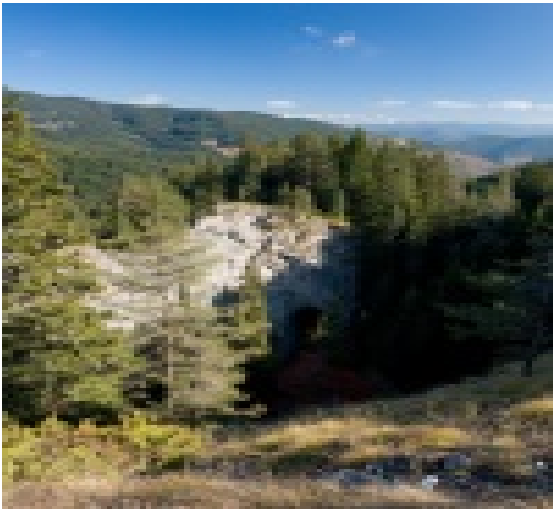
The Spring Christian Life Workshop was held in Moorcroft on April 21, 2007. The ingathering held was for the upcoming National Convention. Items requested were children’s socks and undergarments and bed sheets.

The Zone delegate was Joan Anderson of Gillette. President Bert Maki also attended the Sioux Falls Convention. Convention reports were given at the Fall Rally held in Sundance at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church. A stuffed animal ingathering was held for the local emergency room/hospital and also nursing homes.

Elections were held with the following results: Joan Anderson, President – Gillette, Carol Spiedel, Vice President – Moorcroft, Joey Brecht, Secretary – Moorcroft, Elizabeth Nelson, 1 year Member @ Large – Sundance, Bert Maki, 2 year Member @ Large – Gillette, Gerry Mass remained as treasurer and Sherry Bothwell was appointed Human Care Chair and Debbie Lee Member Development Chair.

The following is the Powder River Zone rotation of events:

Casper, Mt Hope	- April 5, 2008
Gillette	- Fall 2008
Casper, Trinity	- Spring 2009
Moorcroft	- Fall 2009



PINE RIDGE ZONE LWML REPORT

Our Zone Fall Rally took place at St. Paul's, Lusk, WY with Zone Counselor Pastor Peter Bertram leading the morning devotion.

President Terri Denniston, Our Savior, Torrington, led us with our matching the dates of the pennies on each table with those from another. Its emphasis was not only getting to know one another, but the importance of the mites that we send in to our District and to the National LWML office.

Our Mission Speaker, District President Richard Boche spoke on how we support missions at home and abroad. The Wyoming LWML President, Gerry Neeriemer, gave a brief summary on what is presently happening and what is scheduled in the near future in our District and in the National LWML.

President Barb Merritt opened the business meeting. Barb Schaer was re-elected as Zone Vice President and Mimi Lou Moody as Zone Secretary for two years.

The Executive Board met on January 15, 2008 and the following locations were designated for 2008: Spring Workshop – Trinity, Morrill; Fall Retreat – Our Savior, Torrington; Fall Rally – Immanuel, Alliance. For 2009: Spring Workshop – Our Savior, Chadron; Fall Retreat – Bethlehem, Crawford and Fall Rally – Grace, Gordon.

“Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.” Rev. 2:10

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Merritt, President

Counselor's Corner

-- FROM THE SENIOR COUNSELOR

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.” (1 John 1:7

“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer.” (Ps 19:14 NASB).

Our district LWML theme for 2006-2008 was 1 John 1:7 and the theme for 2008-2010 is Psalm 19:4b. It seems to me that these two themes complement each other as we approach our coming district convention. It is only after we have come to know the Light that we are able to confess that Light as our Rock and our Redeemer.

As I write this article the Epiphany season of our new church year is coming to an end and we are preparing to enter the Lenten season. As you know, the Epiphany season is a season of light, symbolized by the light of the star that led the Magi to Christ, who is and remains the Light of the world. Today we find comfort and hope in the truth that God dispels the darkness we have brought on ourselves by giving the light of His Son, Jesus Christ.

We live in a world filled with darkness and often time we may find ourselves hopelessly trapped in that darkness. We can never emphasize strongly enough that the light that dispels our darkness is God's light and not our own. Not only are we hopelessly trapped in the darkness, but we are also completely devoid of sight. We are therefore unable to see a light even if one is shining. For that reason, it was not enough that God possessed light or in the person of His Son made it manifest. He had to enter our darkness and overcome it. He had to open our eyes so that we could see the light that He was bringing.

That's what Christ did for us. To rescue us from darkness He had to endure darkness Himself as we are reminded in our journey with our Lord through the Lenten season. Eventually He succumbed to the darkness of hell itself when He cried out in abandonment and agony, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken Me?” And finally He endured the darkness of the grave in which His expired body was placed.

But darkness could not triumph. On the third morning the blazing Light broke forth from the tomb. The angel witnesses broke the news, “He is not here? He has risen as He said.” He did this so that you and I and all people might be delivered from darkness and brought into “the glorious liberty of the children of God.”

Surrounded by the darkness of sin, anxious over the dimness and uncertainty of the future, as children of the light we can confidently make our own the words of Psalm 27 “The Lord is my light and my salvation---whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life---of whom shall I be afraid?” (v 13)

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Nearly two years into my term as Vice President for Servant Resources I am pleased to report that many societies have reviewed their bylaws and sent the revisions to me to have them approved at the District level. If you have reviewed the bylaws and have found no need for updating them, please send me that information as well. If your society has not yet done this it is important that you take the time to look over your bylaws. Here are a few things to help you get that task under way.

First be sure every member has a copy of your most recent bylaws. Encourage every member to read them thoroughly, or actually read them at a meeting. This does not sound exciting but would certainly ensure that all members were aware of what the bylaws say. Often when this is done the membership realizes that there are provisions in the bylaws, which do not reflect what actually happens in meetings. That is when revision is necessary.

If revision is necessary be sure to keep things simple. Well-written bylaws can prevent confusion and provide excellent guidelines, which can be consistently and easily followed. Assign a committee to prepare the amendments and present them at the next meeting.

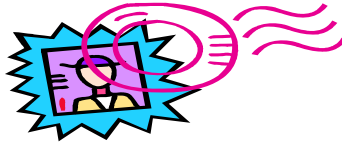
As we review your bylaws at the District level, we look for some of these things to be included;

- Affiliation with the zone you are in
- Officers' duties, terms and provisions for replacing an officer
- Appointed committees and their responsibilities (i.e. Human Care Christian Life , etc)
- Counselor and his duties
- Finances
- Amendments
- And other standard bylaw articles

If you have any questions or would like to know whether I have a copy of your most recent bylaws, please contact me.

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"Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails."
Proverbs 19:21 NIV



Stamps for Tubfrim

On November 12, 2007 thirty two pounds of postage stamps were forwarded to Norway for the Tubfrim Society. This makes a total of 227 pounds of stamps that have been sent by members of the Wyoming District since the collection in our District began in May of 2001. Benefits from the sale of stamps go to handicapped and ill children in Norway.

Many thanks to those who save, collect and trim stamps for the Tubfrim Society. Please remember to trim the stamp leaving about one half inch border around the stamp if possible, cut off the back side of the envelope. Do not send damaged stamps or with the perforation missing. Take them to the Lutheran Ministries Center saving you postage.

Thank You,
Rev. John Johansen

SCHOLARSHIPS

WYOMING DISTRICT LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

Six (6) scholarships for the 2008-2009 school year will be awarded to students who are residents of the Wyoming District Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod who attend a Lutheran school studying for full-time church work.

The amount of each scholarship is \$1,000.00, which will be equally divided between the first and second semesters. Two alternates will be chosen as recipients in case one of the original recipients becomes ineligible.

Deadline to apply is March 31, 2008
To obtain an application form, please write to:

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