



Mission Lamp

LWML South Wisconsin District

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

February 2021

Are you a “Living Mite”?

Dear LWML Sisters in Christ,

In June 2020, I referred to us as “Living Mites” in my welcome address. Let’s take a few moments to consider mite offerings and how we are “living mites.”

Our mites and mite box giving is based on the account of the widow’s mite found in Mark 12:41-43. The widow placed two small coins equal to a penny into the offering box. As you pray and drop your mite offering into the mite box you become part of the larger mission of the LWML.

The LWML mission includes LCMS women from 40 districts spread across the United States, of which South Wisconsin District is one. LWML South Wisconsin District is divided into 21 Zones. Within each zone are individual groups (societies) made up of individual members (YOU). The current statistical report for LWML SWD shows 21 Zones made up of 153 groups (societies) totaling 2101 individual members. The next time you drop your offering in your mite box picture 2100 women standing beside you doing the same thing. Together LWML SWD mite offerings become \$205,000 supporting 13 Mission Grants in this biennium.

Then picture the same thing happening in the other 39 districts! Twenty-five percent of mites collected in the districts become the \$2,100,000 LWML Mite offerings supporting 21 Mission Grants. The joint mite offerings allow the support of higher priced mission needs through LWML Mission Grants (you can read about all of the mission grants your mite box offerings are supporting on lwml.org and lwml-swd.org). As you picture all of this, make sure your brain is set on a panoramic view, because this is a mite-y big picture!

So what’s this about being “living mites?”

Each of us in LWML have a heart for our Lord, for serving him in all we do. When we work alone things get done, but when we work together great things happen! Let’s consider the example of tying fleece blankets. If I tie a blanket alone at home it will take me a few hours, but at the Winter Get-away plans are for 24 blankets to be tied in less than two hours. We become “living mites” when we share the joy of service with each other.

Our service is described in the LWML pledge, “our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voices to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love.” We have many opportunities for service in the coming months whether we are tying blankets, coloring greeting cards, or sending prayers. Events including Spring Leadership Workshops, Zone Rallies, Young Woman’s Event, and the LWML Convention in Lexington provide opportunities for service. Whether attending an event and bringing a friend, or staying home and uplifting the event with your prayers you are “in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields.”

As a district we look forward to the LWML Convention 2023 to be held in Milwaukee and the opportunities it will provide for service to the LWML. Pray about how the Lord is leading you to serve. Talk to others about serving together within your society, your zone, our district, and for the convention. Share your gifts and talents and remember: serving together is fun! Invite a friend to serve with you!

In His Service,

Cinda Poppe, LWML SWD President

From our District Counselor

Jesus in the Storm

“And while they were sailing, he fell asleep. And a squall of wind came down on the lake and they were beginning to fill up and were in danger.” Luke 8:23

Storms bring unexpected chaos and disorder. In the Bible, storms and crashing waters often represent the devil. Satan *is* chaos. Satan *is* disorder. He causes God’s perfect creation to turn sideways. In a world of *perfect* order there would be no storms or fear or even pandemics. This is why people cry at funerals today and become heartbroken over a divorce or other calamities. We have now all become “covid weary” over 2020 and it still haunts us in 2021. But why get so weary and sorrowful on earth? It is because, deep down, we know this is not how things are supposed to be. Chaos and storms are part of a *broken* creation. When we face hardships, we enter storms we were not expecting. But there is still hope even in the storms of life. Even though creation is broken, *it is still a creation* and God’s handiwork.

Jesus Christ falls asleep in Luke 8. Does this mean Jesus doesn’t care about His disciples or a boat about to be capsized? No. Christ sleeps, not because he avoids the squall, but because He was present when the sea itself was made. Christ, the second person of the Trinity, was there at the moment of creation. All creation

submits to Him; even in His sleep. Christ sleeps because He is not afraid of squalls, darkness, or the disciples’ panicked voices. The Lord knows that even crashing seas will soon calm at His Word. And when Christ does rise from slumber, all creation is restored. The waters calm and not a single disciple perishes. And this watery miracle foreshadows His greatest miracle. All that Christ does leads up to His cross and glorious resurrection.

By His Work, Jesus halts evil and restores creation at the place of the Skull. At Calvary, the Lord ensures no Christians will ever be capsized by sin, death, or the devil. Squalls and fears cease in Christ. The Lord has a habit of transforming turmoil into tranquility and this happens in the seas and at the cross. And there will come a day when all believers will leave this weary world and enter an everlasting paradise. A time will come when all who call upon the Lord will be brought into a new era of salvation. Christians are not destined for an eternal storm, but for a life of perfect peace. Yes, storms come to us today, but Jesus is also in the storm. This is our hope. Christ is never absent or watching from afar. The opposite is true. Jesus is with us in the storm. And a day will soon come when all fears and tears and stormy waters will cease for all eternity. Take heart, Jesus is in the boat with us. Amen.

Living in Hope, Faithfully Focused on Christ

“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.” Romans 12:11-12 (NIV)



HEART TO HEART SISTER'S EVENTS

going virtual for 2021

"But Ruth replied, Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." Ruth 1:16



Virtual cruise departs via
Facebook on March 27th, 2021 at
6:00 p.m.; making stops through
the end of May.





We want to thank God for His faithfulness towards us through the past year and into this new year. As we strive to welcome and encourage multicultural women to participate in the life and work of the Lutheran Women in Mission, our committee is pleased to inform all our patrons and well wishers that the Heart to Heart Sister's annual Multicultural event, which is usually an event to remember is going even bigger and better this year.

We are going virtual for 2021 and this will interest an even larger audience.

Just like Ruth in the Bible, Ruth 1:16, we want to remain brave, fearless, courageous and focused on Christ to lead us through.

Please join our virtual journey as we cruise to learn about a variety of activities, celebrations and developments from other cultures.

Departure date is March 27, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. and presentations will be posted until the end of May. Save the date and watch out to see if we stop by your country during this period.

God Bless us all as we continue to pray for one another.

Thank you
Joanna Eliis
Heart to Heart Chairman

See Poster on page 3

Events

February 13, 2021	EC Meeting
February 20, 2021	Board of Directors mtg Peace Lutheran Church 400 Hillcrest Drive, Beaver Dam, WI 53916
February 27, 2021	BOD in case of snow on 20th
March 6 & 20, 2021	<i>Bearing Fruit, Growing in Knowledge</i>
March 15, 2021	<i>Lutheran Woman's Quar- terly</i> Order Deadline
April 15, 2021	Mission Lamp articles due
June 15, 2021	Fall Rally Info due to PR
June 24- 27, 2021	LWML Convention in Lex- ington, KY
July 15, 2021	Mission Lamp articles due
August 21, 2021	EC Meeting
September 17-18, 2021	LWML SWD Fall Retreat Best Western, Oshkosh
September 25, 2021	BOD meeting



The 2021 Prayer Service, written by past LWML Pastoral Counselor Rev. Robert Mundahl, is "He Prayed *with* Them," based on Acts 20:36b.

When was the last time you prayed with someone?

Not for someone, but *with* someone?

We are encouraged in Scripture to be people of prayer, and prayer marks us as children of the heavenly Father. He has promised to hear us and to answer our prayers. May the 2021 Prayer Service encourage and expand our life of prayer to include praying with others.

LWML SWD Leadership Training Workshops

March 6, 2021	March 20, 2021
9am-3pm	9am-3pm
St. John's Lutheran	Good Shepherd Lutheran
Random Lake	Tomah

- ◆ Bring your own lunch
- ◆ Bring along a friend who is interested in LWML and/or leadership
- ◆ Bring your personal device if you like



Register Today!

www.lwml-swd.org/events/other

Breakout Sessions:

- E, F&P Meetings-
Paulette Stecker and Jennifer Schneider
- Going beyond the Traditional Meeting-
Jill Jones and Jan Schadt
- Impact of Mites/Joy of Being a Missionary-
Kristen Kolell and Emily McDermott
- Do You Know the Flavor of Your Society-
Diane Meyer and the Renewal Committee

General Sessions:

- Tech Talk - Jennifer Olen
- CLC - Sandy Krainz
- Q&A - Cinda Poppe and other veteran LWMLers

See LWML-SWD.org for more information

Lutheran Woman's Quarterly

Subscribe to the *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* to glean tried and true methods, grow spiritually through reflective Bible studies, and relax with LWML mission news.

Get Order Form at lwml-swd.org/helps#society

Cost: \$6.00 per yearly subscription when ordering 10 or more.

\$7.50 per yearly subscription when ordering 1-9.

Order Deadline: March 15, 2021

(Orders submitted after the March 15th deadline will be addressed individually. Society must be prepared to miss the Summer issue or if Summer issue is available, agree to pay additional postage.)

Please include: Completed LW Quarterly Order Form, Check made out to: LWML SWD, LWML SWD Receipt Voucher 2018-2022 (available at lwml-swd.org/helps#district)

Mail to: LWML SWD Financial Secretary:
Marilyn Belter, W2011 Cottonville Ct., Berlin, WI 54923

Questions?

Contact: Barb Kaun, *LW Quarterly* Manager 920-720-9689 (leave a message) or email b.kaun.316@gmail.com

Mission Grant Reflections...

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If you have ideas or suggestions for this department, do not hesitate to contact me. I ask for your prayers and support in making the SWD's work for the glory of God alone and the expansion of His kingdom.

LuAnn Roman
VP of Special Focus Ministries and Mission Grants
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414-380-2329



Scholarship funds are available for young women who are studying to be professional church workers and are members of the South Wisconsin District.

The application can be found on the LWML SWD website. Questions can be directed to Sarah Barkley at sfootloser@gmail.com or 224-430-3323.

Applications are due by April 30, 2021

Convention Updates



Are you heading to Lexington in June?

Registration forms are available in the Winter Lutheran

Woman's Quarterly and at the Convention Central tab on lwml.org website along with polo shirt order forms and other information.

Delegate registrations and bus travel money will be collected at the Board of Directors meeting in February. Give registration, bus information (that will be emailed soon) and money to your zone president to bring with her or mail it to Joan by February 17th (if you have pre-registered, watch for an email from Joan the first week of February).

District travel to convention by bus is currently full, but we do have connections with the transportation chairmen for other districts. As of this printing North Wisconsin is adding another bus to travel to the ARK Encounter before the convention. Send the "non-delegate pre-registration form" found on lwml-swd.org to Joan Anderson, contact information on the form, as soon as possible, if you are interested. All transportation and registration will be finalized at the Board of Directors meeting.

If you are attending the convention you are asked to pay special attention to all the women and men working at the convention. These are the roles we will need to fill for the 2023 convention in Milwaukee. Take time to talk to them about their roles and be sure to thank them for their time and dedication to the LWML and their Lord.

Milwaukee Convention 2023 update...

- ◆ Host Committee Convention Chairman, Anne Hartmann, is appointing committee chairmen. She is specifically looking for a Facilities Chairman from South Wisconsin District. Committees under Facilities include the Properties, Ushers, and Worship Support. Chairmen need committee members. Working together makes the job fun. Start talking to each other and sign up to work together!
- ◆ Just a reminder... The Convention is being hosted by three LWML districts, South Wisconsin District (SWD), North Wisconsin District (NWD), and Northern Illinois.
- ◆ Don't forget...Zones and societies were asked together to find creative ways to donate towards the convention "seed" money, as 2020 set everyone back a bit. Remember to discuss this as you able.
- ◆ Please note...The information and forms have temporarily moved to Resources on the website to make room for the Leader Development Workshop. If you are looking for the volunteer application form and the host committee guidelines, please email Cinda Poppe directly at: president.lwml.swd@gmail.com

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!!

We have received five banner ideas for the SWD 2021 LWML Convention banner! The Board of Directors will be voting on a final design at the February meeting! I can't wait to see what the final idea will look like!

See you there!



Engage in Missions by Funding Missions



Mite Goal for 2020 – 2022 Biennium is \$205,000.00, with \$153,750.00 designated for SWD mite grants and \$51,250.00 designated for LWML mite grants.

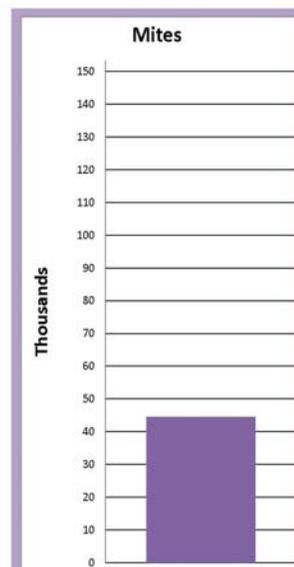
If your society is not meeting you can still send in your mites. Just complete a receipt voucher with your society and church name and mail it with your personal check. Your society and you are credited with the donation. Keep those mites coming to my mailbox! Please make checks payable to **LWML SWD**.

Memorial/Celebrations cards are available. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at: financialsecretary.lwml.swd@gmail.com.

Do you have a skill in data entry? Do you like to receive mail? Do you love the LWML? If so, please consider allowing your name to be nominated for the financial secretary position in 2022. I'm so glad that I agreed to be on the ballot in 2018. I have been truly blessed by the notes of encouragement I receive from some of the wonderful society and zone treasurers.

Marilyn Belter – LWML SWD Financial Secretary

South Wisconsin Mite Goal 2020-2022 January 2021



U.S. Ethnic Communities	\$2,035
IO Children's Program	\$2714
Christ's Mercy in Russia	\$5,000
International Friendship Ctr	\$15,000
Chaplain Scholarships	\$3,000
Bethany Nigeria Building	\$12,000
LHF Outreach to Muslims	\$12,000
Expanding Outreach POBLO	\$15,000
Mission Central	\$15,000
A Place of Refuge Vehicle	\$20,000
Ft. Wayne Food Co-op	\$10,000
Bethany Ministry Outreach	\$12,000
SWD Church Worker Student	\$30,000



Send Mites to: LWML SWD Mites
Marilyn Belter, Financial Secretary
W2011 Cottonville Ct.
Berlin, WI 54923

Grant #3 Biennium Financial Assistance for Fort Wayne Seminary Food and Clothing Co-op



Dear LWML,

I would like to say thank you for the generous gift of supplies designated to Bethany Asaba, Nigeria. I am grateful for your prayers and support. I thank God for LWML, especially in sustaining and strengthening our Ministry. You are incredible and have been such a blessing to many. You do wonderful things and I am too grateful for all these blessings.

May the Lord's richest blessings enfold you as we anticipate the joy, peace and love of this season of Christmas. Blessings!

In Christ, Rev. Dr. Chris Ikanih, Pastor
Bethany Ev Lutheran Church, Milwaukee WI

2021 LWML SWD Fall Retreat - *Jesus is the LIGHT*

The Fall Retreat committee invites you to gather with us at retreat under the theme *Jesus is the Light* based on John 9:5; "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

The fall retreat committee was so sad that we could not meet together for the 2020 Fall Retreat. Thank you all for still supporting the LCMS SWD Hispanic Ministry and Female Church Worker Scholarship Fund with the offerings you mailed in. And what an outpouring of love you showed to the Concordia Theological Seminary Food & Clothing Co-op by sending donated items with your Zone Presidents to the fall Board of Directors meeting!

So now we look to the *in person* 2021 Fall Retreat!

We are blessed that retreat speaker Deaconess Sandra Rhein, who serves as an International Hymnal Consultant for the LCMS will be available this year for our event. In this ministry, Deaconess Sandra works with many gifted pastors and translators to bring hymnals to life in native languages such as Swahili, Mandarin Chinese, and Amharic. What a wonderful and interesting ministry we can't wait to hear all about!

Please keep the fall retreat committee in your

prayers as we continue to develop and plan this event.

As plans progress we will share more information on our district website.

LWML SWD Bookstore News

I am taking orders for the LWML SWD Bookstore to be picked up at the Fall Retreat on Sept. 17 & 18, 2021 at the Best Western in Oshkosh.

If you would like to place an order from the store go to the lwml-swd.org website and print off the bookstore order form, fill it out and send it to me, with your check made out to LWML SWD by Sept. 1, 2021.

If you are unsure what is all available, or how to look for items go to the website (LWML.org) LWML shop. You will be able to see all the items.

If you need help, give me a call @920-387-3367 or email me at dkamrath22@gmail.com and I will be happy to help you.

Serving the Lord with Gladness,
Diane Kamrath, SWD Bookstore Manager

Save
the
Date

September 17 & 18, 2021

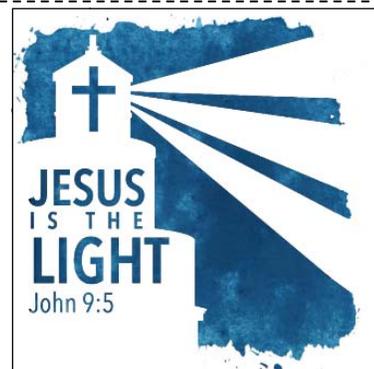
Mark Your Calendars!

*"As long as I am in the world,
I am the light of the world."*

LWML SWD Fall Retreat
Sept 17 & 18

Best Western Premier
Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center—Oshkosh

Speakers, Servant Events and Fellowship!



Christian Growth

Fear Not

All of us have just come through a year unlike any we have ever experienced before in our lives. I believe many of us thought that the turning of the calendar for January 2021 was going to bring a whole new year with many of the troubles of this past year put to rest. I find the first month of this year has brought with it many more troubles – and, also, so much more to fear!

If you go to “resources” at the LWML website, you will find the devotion for January, “Afraid of What?” and the Bible Study for your gatherings, “Faith Over Fear”. Fear goes back to the Garden of Eden, after Adam and Eve sinned; and, moving forward, we remember the events where God’s angels evoked fear in people when they appeared to them. Their messages were not fear-producing ones, but rather, they were filled with messages from God that brought them joy. God knows what is going to happen – we have the assurance that in trusting Him, our fears will be assuaged. May we greet each new morning of life by looking to God for His presence with us at all times and know that we really do have nothing to fear!

Sandy Krainz
Christian Life Chairman

Dear Sisters in Christ,

We are at the very beginning of a new year, clean and fresh, as new -fallen snow.

I ask that you please make a commitment to use the LWML SWD Prayer Partners in taking to our Lord the needs and wants of our friends, family and sisters and brothers in Christ. You need only send your request to LWML SWD President, Cinda Poppe. That’s it.

Thank you.
Joyce Kaestner
E-Mail Prayer
Request Manager



LWML Group and Recovery from Covid

Many LWML groups have not met together, in person, for almost a year but that did not stop LWML ladies from encouraging one another through phone calls, emails, porch visits, and notes. It is what WE do-- we encourage and pray for one another. God has been with us!

When your LWML group starts meeting on a regular basis again, you may find some of your members are not coming back. They may have declined in health. Others maybe became accustomed to being at home. Some may have found other activities/groups to replace LWML. Once you meet again, you may find some of the activities and services you have done for years are no longer needed. Tasks that you did for your church might no longer be needed because different ways of getting these jobs done were found. It is going to take time to figure out the new normal. Don't let Satan use the tools of disappointment, frustration and discouragement against you.

God has better tools than Satan. He provides us with His Word to strength us, give us direction, and inspire us. God also provides people who can help you get your LWML back on track. You can contact the LWML SWD Renewal Committee. We are working on putting together ideas and information that will help you. We have committee members located in different areas of our district, making it easier for us to assist you. The committee would welcome your input as to what would be of help to you. It is likely that if your group has a specific need for help, other groups will have that same need. Reach out to me by phone, text message, or email. Know that the Renewal Committee is praying for all the LWML groups as they navigate through changes that may have occurred during this past year.

Diane Meyer, Renewal Committee Chairman
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Focus on Ministries for 2021

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Guidelines for selecting songs for rallies

Last fall, Zone 15 was blessed to have an in-person rally. A question came up concerning the printing and/or projection of certain song lyrics. Retreat committees have guidelines to follow, but what about rallies?

LWML SWD has a CCLI license which covers many traditional and contemporary songs. It does not have a Lutheran Service Book (LSB) license. If you are meeting at a church, you can use that church's LSB license (provided that they have one) and legally use any song from the hymnal.

If you want to use a song that is not in LSB, you must contact the LWML SWD music coordinator, so that she can check to see if the song is covered by our CCLI license. Zone 15 wanted to use "Here I Am Lord." This is not in LSB or covered by CCLI. To legally use this song, they would have had to pay royalty fees to the copyright holder.

All song sheets or power point presentations also must have proper documentation that you have permission to use the song. The music coordinator will give you that information. When in doubt, please ask!

Cindy Schuett LWML SWD Music Coordinator music.lwml.swd@gmail.com

Recycling Changes

Please take note: Many changes, due to the Covid-19 issues, have taken place since most of your last recycling shipments.

NEW SHIPMENT changes: Items ship via US Postal Service, so you'd take your collection to your local Post Office for shipment

NEW REQUESTS FOR LABELS: Labels are to be requested from the head of this whole program: Marguerite Christman (M.L.C. Enterprises) via email: mchrist721@aol.com; or phone: 405-737-8289 You MUST tell her HOW MANY cartridges you will be shipping. There MUST be at LEAST 8! You CAN have more but not less than this number. SHE will then send you a label.

NEW SHORTENED LIST OF ACCEPTED CARTRIDGES: Only HP, some Canon, and about 9 Collins brands are accepted now!

NO OTHER ITEMS CAN BE RECYCLED: We used to send cell phones, iPads, eBook Readers, GPS, MP3 Players, Video games, etc. NOT ACCEPTABLE anymore and if we do,

she states we may be 'jeopardizing the future of the recycling company and if there are too many they will be deducted from our 'shipment proceeds'.

ONLY cartridges from the new list are accepted. The new list will be on the website soon.

"Remanufactured For", refilled cartridges, "Compatible With" are NOT accepted for recycling. Send only the virgin cartridges. I know this is challenging, since it is not always apparent if a cartridge has been remanufactured or refilled. You can look on the box to see if it notes that it is remanufactured. Also, some companies like Office Depot, Staples, Walgreens, etc., remanufacture and/or refill cartridges, so if that is noted somewhere on the cartridge, it is not accepted for recycling.

Thanks again for all your recycling efforts.

In His Service,

Linda Ault, Recycling Chair

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Verna Jordan December 16, 1925 to January 12, 2021

Verna Jordan, age 95, went home to the Lord on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. She is remembered for her Christian faith, positive attitude, and zest for life. She faithfully served the LWML SWD as a Third Vice President (Mission Grants) 1996–2000 and as Corresponding Secretary 2004–2008. At various times, she also served as a retreat chairman, zone president, bylaws committee chairman, as well as music chairman for several events. Verna led little ones to Jesus as a teacher in Christian elementary school, Sunday School, and Vacation Bible School, and praised her Lord in song as a church organist and choir director.

Past district president Carolyn Blum shares, "Verna remained faithful to God to the very end and often mentioned Bible verses that she'd toss into the conversation. Always a witness. Always mission-minded."

Past district president Judy Paulson recalls, "I never, ever heard her complain about anything — always a smile and whatever happened we could 'work around it'."

Rest at peace with your Savior, dear sister in Christ. Thank you for the example of service and a love for the mission of the LWML.

Verna's wishes were for all memorials to go to the LWML; even in death, she continues to encourage us to be mission minded. Her obituary can be accessed here: <http://www.shimonfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Verna-Mary--Jordan?obld=19611945#/obituaryInfo>.

Nominations for Candidates for 2022 South Wisconsin District Convention

Discover the JOY of serving to God's glory.

At the next SWD convention in 2022 the delegates will be electing some new officers. We are looking for dedicated women of the LWML and pastor to fill these positions:

- VP Organizational Resources
- VP Gospel Outreach and Christian Life
- Recording Secretary
- Financial Secretary
- Junior Pastoral Counselor

Remember God does not call the equipped, He equips those He called.

If you or someone you know would be a good fit for these positions, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee: Debbie Volden – Zone 3-Chair, Carolyn Fish - Zone 19, Marge Frank – Zone 19, Barb Schallock– Zone 7, Barb Kahn – Zone 11, Jean Lietz – Zone 15

You may nominate others or yourself. Please prayerfully consider who you might nominate.

Thank you.

Blessings, Barb Schallock, Nominating Committee

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Treasurer Patricia Silah

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2021 Young Women events

Dates: April 17, 2021 and August 14, 2021

Location: Trinity Lutheran, 728 Church Street, Wisconsin Dells

Theme: Focused on Christ--"...my hope is in You all day long." Psalms 25:5

Geared for families with children of all ages
Fun servant events with children's messages to keep the kids engaged and growing in Christ.

Possible Online option!

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The editor apologizes for the late issue...she took a well-needed leave to attend the Winter Getaway. It was worth the time.

Next deadline is April 15th so get those newsworthy items ready.

"Serve the Lord with Gladness"

*Ruth Weckwerth, Mission Lamp editor
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