

## ***LWML Board Meeting***

September 3, 2020 – 5:30 PM Outside at Zion

Opening Devotion – Jody – “Pray or Worry – Which?”

Secretary’s Report – Kristi Hofer

Treasurer’s Report - Shirley Wright

Members present: Cathy VandeBraak, President; Jodi Huebert, Vice President; Shirley Wright, Treasurer; Betty Schultz, Co-Secretary; Illa Biteler, Past President; Donna Crichton, Tammie Schultz, Maxine Kirlin

Not present: Jolene Hansen, Kristi Hofer, Co-Secretary; Mary Dunlap, Kay Nelson, Emily Lafrentz, Mary Ann Zinnel

### **Old Business**

\$1000 was sent to the District Office for President Sailer to distribute to a pastor in need. This donation is a combination of the money that was previously designated for a current seminary student and a scholarship given to an undergraduate student pursuing full-time church work. The monthly support of the seminary student and the undergraduate scholarship were discontinued for 2020. We received notification from President Sailer that he chose to divide the gift among three pastors in our district that are struggling with the financial burden or repaying their seminary debt. The names have been kept confidential but we have received thank you notes through President Sailer that express tremendous gratitude for the gift.

Event sheets for LWML Hostess Program. Update from Max and Tammie. Maxine will call a meeting of 4 or 5 hostesses and discuss what needs to be in the paper work hopefully we can cut out some of the paper work. Maxine please set a date and ask the people you would like to meet with.

### **New Business**

Joint Circle Meeting September 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00 to 12:00 in the Atriumas there is an event scheduled for the atrium at 12:30 we must be out so the group can set up. Kay Nelson will give her presentation on the Heart to Heart Sisters Program about 30 minutes. Tammie Schultz will have a skit or two. Cathy and Jody will lead a Bible Study called “Choose Joy – You can Live a Joyful Life.” A collection will be taken to benefit National LWML Mites that are very low do to COVID. **Masks will be required for everyone.** Bring a beverage if you so choose. There is a Zone workshop on September 19<sup>th</sup> at Faith Lutheran registration begins at 9:30 program ends at 3:00.

Envelopes for the Soulless Soup Supper will be handed out. We will collect them at our October circle meetings. LWML members are asked to give a donation toward our general fund (for 2021) if you are able. Any amount is appreciated.

Minimum LWML account balance. A suggestion of keeping a balance of \$1,000.00 in the bank account, it was motioned and seconded but did not carry. Since that time, there has been a request for funding from us for a project (this project also was not voted on). This brings up the need to determine what we should carry as a balance in our account. Is this a decision the board can make. Much discussion was

held no amount was reached at this time if you have an idea bring it to the meeting. There will \$200.00 sent to there Zone for expenses (this is something we do every year)

Bake or Bake and Book Sale in December? Much discussion here too a book sale for sure, options opens on a bake sale bring up at your circle meeting.

LWML Sioux Falls Zone is in need of nominations for President and Vice President. These positions will be voted on at the Sioux Falls Zone Rally at Memorial Lutheran on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Registration begins at 1:30. The event will begin at 2:00. They are also working on a virtual option.

Zion LWML is also going to need to elect a Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer for 2021; the nominating committee is the Circle Chairs. Vice President automatically set ups to President at the New Year

## Reports

Past President – Illa Biteler  
President – Cathy VandeBraak  
Vice President – Jody Huebert  
Treasurer – Shirley Wright  
Secretaries – Kristi Hofer and Betty Schultz  
Chair of Mary Circle – Donna Crichton and Mary Dunlap  
Chair of Rebekah Circle – Kay Nelson  
Chairs of Eve Circle – Jody Huebert and Cathy VandeBraak  
Resource Coordinator – Tammie Schultz  
Archivist/Historian – Jolene Hanson  
Library Committee – Illa Biteler  
Hostess Coordinator – Max Kirlin  
Mission Coordinator – Emily Lafrentz and Mary Ann Zinnel

Adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### September

3<sup>rd</sup> LWML Board Meeting 5:30

19<sup>th</sup> Joint Circle Meeting

### October

1<sup>st</sup> LWML Board Meeting 5:30

4<sup>th</sup> LWML Sunday. We will not be able to serve treats during Bible Class.

11<sup>th</sup> Sioux Falls Zone Rally at Memorial Lutheran 2:00. Registration begins at 1:30.

Submitted by Betty Schultz

## *LWML Eve Circle Meeting Minutes*

August 16, 2020 – 11:30 in the upper parking lot

Members Present: Cathy VandeBraak, Jody Huebert, Lori Brunick, Emily Lafrentz

Opening Devotion – Jody has a devotion titled “God Will Speak If You Will Listen”

Offerings: Home \$33.00 (used for general fund for our society giving/use in funding our projects), Mite \$32.81 (75% used for state and 25% used for national mission grant funding).

Sign cards for college ministry.

### **Old Business**

Christmas in July packages. Hopefully they have all been delivered. Thank you to everyone who helped deliver the gifts. We have received a number of thank you notes. Eve Circle would like to continue with the Christmas in July gifts as December is busy with many other commitments and weather uncertainties.

Donations were distributed according to the circle designations. Furniture Mission, \$450, 12 welcome baskets and lots of Thrivent t-shirts. Feeding South Dakota, \$350. The Branch, \$150. The Banquet, \$100. Eve Circle does hope to be able to have a service project at the Furniture Mission in the future.

\$1000 was sent to the South Dakota LCMS District Office for President Sailer to designate to a pastor serving in South Dakota and is experiencing a need. This donation is a combination of the money that was previously designated for a current seminary student and a scholarship given to an undergraduate student pursuing full-time church work. The monthly support of the seminary student and the undergraduate scholarship were discontinued for 2020.

### **New Business**

The Puppet Place at the 2020 South Dakota State Fair. The following information was shared with LWML.

The LWML SD District does not expect zones to follow the worker schedule for the year unless the workers are comfortable attending the Fair. We are instead putting out a plea for workers from the entire district. If your group has anyone who is willing to help with The Puppet Place this year, please contact Jan Larson (605-280-0862) or Pastor Utecht (605-828-2695) with the day and the times they would be willing to help. That being said, if you decide to help and have not contacted anyone, please do not hesitate to stop by the booth and assist for any amount of time you can.

Please keep The Puppet Place ministry in your prayers in the days to come and especially during the week of the State Fair September 3–7, 2020.

Joint Circle Meeting September 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 in the Atrium. Kay Nelson will give her presentation on the Heart to Heart Sisters Program and Tammy Schultz will organize a skit or two. A collection will be taken to benefit National LWML Mites that are very low do to COVID. Masks will be required for everyone.

Envelopes for the Souplless Soup Supper will be handed out at the joint meeting. We will collect them at our October circle meeting scheduled on October 18<sup>th</sup>. LWML members are asked to give a donation toward our general fund if they are able. Any amount is appreciated.

Would you be willing to participate in a Book/Bake Sale in December? Eve circle members are willing to participate in a book and bake sale if conditions allow during December. Any funds collected from the sale would go toward our general fund.

Is there still interest in a service project of raking leaves in October? At this time, we will postpone the raking service project due to a limited number of volunteers.

Adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted.

Cathy VandeBraak  
Eve Circle Co-Chair

## **Eve Circle**

### **2020 EVENTS**

**- Dates are subject to change-**

#### **September**

19<sup>th</sup> Joint Meeting

20<sup>th</sup> Eve Circle Meeting

#### **October**

4<sup>th</sup> LWML Sunday. We will not be serving treats at Bible Class

11<sup>th</sup> Sioux Falls Zone Rally at Memorial Lutheran. They are also working on a live stream option.

18<sup>th</sup> Eve Circle Meeting

#### **November**

15<sup>th</sup> Eve Circle Meeting – Change of time, we will meet following second service. Potluck with family welcome and assemble treats for Craft, Bake and Used Book Sale

#### **December**

5<sup>th</sup> Service Project – Gift Wrapping for Children's Inn at the Empire Mall. Meal together at Red Robin (families are invited to join.)

9<sup>th</sup> Service Project – Advent Meal

9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Craft, Bake and Used Book Sale

20<sup>th</sup> Eve Circle Meeting

## **LWML Rebekah Circle**

August 18, 2020

Zion Atrium

Members Present: 9 (Illa Biteler, Carol Harms, Audrey Hein, Lois Jones, Max Kirlin, Kay Nelson, Stacy Tisher, Betty Schultz, Shirley Wright)

Members Not Present: 12 (Alverna Andersen, Carol Ekse, Jan Frentz, Marie Kruger, Barbara Langpap, Sunhild Muldbakken, Val Ohrt, Roselyn Olson, Lu Otten, Norma Robinson, Avis Priest, Coletta Venske)

**AUGUST OFFERING:** Home: \$52.00 Mites: \$53.00 Days 4 Girls: \$17.00 (TOTAL: \$122.00)

**Open with PRAYER and DEVOTION:** Kay Nelson

**Devotion: "It Would Have Been Enough"**

**Bible Study: "Being Content and Single"**

#### **Treasurer Report Discussion**

Review and discussion with Shirley Wright. Stacy Tisher turned in Rebekah July offering late so those monies will be included in the August Budget.

#### **Old Business**

Puppet Place at the SD State Fair on September 3-7, 2020 looking for volunteers please contact Jan Larson at 605-280-0862 or Pastor Utecht at 605-828-2695. Keep this ministry in your prayers.

Max and Tammie are working on Event sheets for the Hostess Program.

Joint meeting is on September 19 at 10-12 am in Atrium. Souplless Dinner donation will be handed out at this meeting with collection date in October. Bake/Book Sale in December. Rebekah Circle feels in person meetings are a better option for discussion versus Zoom meetings.

Rebekah Circle is opposed to Cookbook but Betty is going to look into reordering the LWML Orange cookbook

### **New Business**

Fish Bowl names were shared.

Kay Nelson continues to make copies and mailings for the Rebekah Circle. This is her donation and she does not want reimbursement for her donation, continue to give to our ministries.

Kay Nelson purposed doing something special for the school age Zion families during this stressful back to school year with COVID19. After discussion the Rebekah Circle would like this brought to the LWML board. Initial contact with Chez gave an approximate number of 20 families who are enrolled in the Zion Sunday School. We would like the Board to consider the 3 Circles supporting these families with prayers, cards and a \$25 HyVee gift card (purchased from Sioux Falls Lutheran School fundraiser).

**Next Meeting:** September 15,2020 at 1:30 pm in Zion Atrium

**Bible Study:** "Working Together"

Adjourned with Prayer

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stacy Tisher, Rebekah Circle Secretary

## **Mary Circle**

August 18, 2020

Number Attending: 12 members

Met at McKennan Park

Home Offering: \$56.72

Mites: \$50.25

Attending were Lenny Hendry, Dianne Corkill, Donna Crichton, Marsha Kritzmire, Mary Dunlap, Sandy Krause, Dorothy Chronister, Julie Rames, Val Strandell, Judy Cain, Judy Eisenbraun, and Jerilyn Harris. All were present.

Thank you notes were received for the Christmas in July packages. The decision of when future Cheer Baskets will be delivered will be decided by the coordinator of the project.

Because of the COVID, the LWML SD District is asking for volunteers for The Puppet Place at the State Fair, during the week of September 3-7. Duties of the volunteer are standing out in front of The Puppet Place and inviting people in; and, inside, pass out a Bible Study. If interested, contact Jan Larson – 605-280-0862 or Pastor Utecht – 605-828-2695. Keep The Puppet Place ministry in your prayers.

LWML Hostess Program – the church has been having activities.

LWML Joint meeting will be September 19 in the Atrium. Mary will check on the time. Tentatively, Kay Nelson will give a presentation on the Heart to Heart Sisters program and Tammy Schultz will organize a skit or two. For the ingathering of LWML Mites, 75% will go to the District and 25% to National.

There was discussion on the LWML account balance as to the minimum that should be carried in the checking account. It was suggested to look into what the amount should be and when decided, should be voted on.

Financial commitment remaining for 2020 –

\$50 to the Zone

\$1000 to a South Dakota pastor in need, such as paying a school loan.  
President Sailer will direct the money once the district office has received it.

\$500 to college ministry. This will help Eve Circle with that project.

After this is all paid, there will be approximately \$2000 left in the bank balance.

Envelopes for the Soupleless Soup Supper fundraiser will be handed out at the September Joint Meeting. Envelopes are to be returned in October. We could also mark the envelope LWML and put it in the collection plate.

Discussed doing a Bake/Book Sale. Due to the COVID, it was suggested to wait and see about having a Bake Sale. For the Book Sale, it was suggested to have a set price for the books. It was also suggested to have a container for the money.

At the January Joint meeting, it will be discussed to see if there is an interest in putting together an LWML Cookbook as a fundraiser. A committee will be needed to work on it. It was suggested to have different categories, such as gluten free, and recipes for instant pots, fryers, etc.

Coming up on the ballot will be positions for Vice President and Treasurer. Each is a two-year term. Be thinking about it.

Patty Peters is the new LWML District President. If interested, a Zone president is needed.

Mary Circle is supporting Josh Schlueter, who is in the service, and Eric Sebesta, who will leave in September for the Air Force in Texas. Mary will get Eric's address. We will send

notes, birthday cards, etc. We are to be thinking about items that we can send in care packages.

Sandy led the Bible Study, "Anchored in God's Word" from the Quarterly. We closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jerilyn Harris