

## President Report 2020

Wow! What a year. There was a lot of planning that went into making 2020 a wonderful and active year for LWML at Zion but God had other plans. Right from the start, the weather forced our January joint meeting to be postponed and ultimately cancelled. From then on, the changes just kept coming.

The key to our success this year has been flexibility and adaptability. COVID-19 made it unsafe for us to gather in our traditional ways. Therefore, our meetings and activities looked different. Our board meetings went from the conference room to the internet via Zoom to outside and back to Zoom. Many emails were sent and conversations had about how to proceed. The CDC guidelines were to be followed. We needed to remain 6 feet apart and to wear face masks.

Here are some of the ways I served this year:

- I did my best to keep everyone informed with the constantly changing schedule.
- I presided over the monthly board meetings.
- I sent letters to teachers of the congregation inviting them to pick up school supplies collected during the January Ingathering.
- I sent letters to the college students of the congregation.
- I lead the Bible Study “Choose Joy – You Can Live a Joyful Life” with Jody at the Joint Meeting.
- I worked with Jody to lead the Eve Circle.
- I delivered Christmas in July packages.
- I helped with the Mini Mission Walk.
- I attended the Sioux Falls Zone meeting.
- I was on the nomination committee for the Sioux Falls Zone LWML.
- Sara Francis and I shopped for the Furniture Mission “Welcome Baskets.” I delivered the baskets once they were complete.
- I ordered and wrapped Christmas ornaments for the Sunday School children and teachers.
- I delivered the college care packages to students who had returned to Sioux Falls.
- I assembled 12 gift bags for college students attending the Bible Study at Zion led by Jacob and Chez.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cathy VandeBraak  
LWML President 2020

## Vice President Report 2020

As the Vice President of the Zion Group my main duty was to assist the President with whatever was needed

Co-Chaired the Eve Circle

In January we had an In Gathering for our teachers, we collected Kleenex, hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes. Helped distribute these items

February had helped with serving a Valentines Meal for the Post-Seminary Applied Learning and Support (PALS) group from South Dakota

March was prepared to help with the Zone Prayer Service – But canceled due to COVID

April Transitioned to Zoom Board Meetings

May joined the Mini Mission walk to collect donations for the National LWML Mission Goal

June joined in the Drive Thru Baby Shower to collect diapers, wipes and formula for the Alpha Center

July delivered Christmas in July package

September helped host the joint meeting for our Zion circles. Bible Study “Choose Joy”

During October the chair of each group gathered to decide on and ask members to fill our opening board positions for 2021 Executive Board.

Also The Executive Board gathered to discuss the 2021 proposed budget

November Veterans project, mailing of cards to Vets to let them know of our appreciation.

Respectfully Submitted

Jody Huebert

11/15/2020

## Secretary Report 2020

As the Co-Secretary of the Zion LWML group it was my duty to record the minutes of the meetings. Starting out the year within person meetings and then transferring to Zoom in April.

Here are some of the ways that I served this year:

- Attended as many Eve Circle meetings as I was able to
- Participated in the In Gathering for teachers
- Participated in the Drive Thru Baby Shower
- Attended joint meeting and wrote/sent cards to our Sunday School Family
- Participated in the Executive Board discussion on the 2021 proposed budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Hofer  
LWML Co-Secretary

## 2020 YEAR END TREASURER'S REPORT

All month end reports were balance to the bank statement and check book,

Processed all monthly transactions for 2020.

Attended ten Board Meetings (No meeting in December)

Sent in mites to zone treasure in a timely manner.

February 2020: Extension Fund CD was cashed out, according to the November 2019 Board Minutes.

March 2020: Extension Fund CD amount was \$1,801.05 of which \$700.00 was designated for next year convention expenses. The \$900.00 earmarked for the Jenina Gatnoor Well Project was returned to the home general fund account/November 2019 Board Minutes.

July 2020: Instead of waiting until the end of the year each circle would receive \$350.00 for the charity of their choice. a total of \$1,050.00 per July 2020 Board Minutes. Payment distribute August.

August 2020: Charities that received monies as per July Board Minutes were: Furniture Mission \$450.00, The Banquet \$100.00, The Branch \$150.00 and \$350.00 to Feeding So. Dakota. Also a check for \$1,000.00 to the South Dakota District for Pastor in need (approved in the August 2020 Board Minutes.

September 2020: Souplless soup envelopes were handed out to be collected in October.

October 2020: Souplless soup collection for October was \$610.00.

November 2020: Souplless soup collected an additional \$445.00. Hostess program was given \$550.00 from the church for the money paid to those that served.

December 2020: No Board Meeting. As of December 30 the Total Souplless collection was \$1,255.00. The total Hostess amount paid was \$450.00.

Respectively Submitted,

Shirley Wright  
LWML Treasurer

## **Archivist/Historian Report 2020**

As the Archivist/Historian and member of the Eve Circle I:

1. Submitted and lead three Thrivent Action Team Project
  - A. January 2020 – Supplied Zion Teachers’ Classroom with Kleenex, Hand Sanitizer & Cleaning Wipes. The Zion Circles did an ingathering of supplies to support the teachers of our congregation to keep their students healthy in a clean and sanitary environment.
  - B. November 2020 – Purchased a communication board and accessories for Zion Lutheran Children’s Ministry to promote visual learning for the children to become more curious and intuitive about Jesus.
  - C. December 2020 – led a volunteer team in putting together cheer baskets and delivering to over 90 Zion shut-ins, who were unable to come to church and/or suffering from social isolation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our hope was to brighten their spirits and stay connected with our church family during the Christmas season.

2. Donated to and/or supported the college student care packages in April 2020 and baby products for the Diaper Derby in June 2020.
3. Assisted with serving the Lenten meal on 3/4/20.
4. Wrote 10+ cards to our Zion families with children during September 2020.
5. Participated in the Secret Sister Ministry.
6. Participated in Eve Circle and LWML meetings in person or virtually as able to attend.
7. Served as the President of the Zion Board of Directors for 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene Hanson

LWML Archivist/Historian 2020

### **Mission Coordinator Report for 2020**

In January, LWML hosted an ingathering table by the library in the atrium through January 26th for school supplies for teachers from Zion as supplies may be depleted by the second semester. This was to be part of the joint meeting that was cancelled due to wintery weather.

A nice selection was donated and teachers in Zion were invited to come and pick up from the table on January 26th. Hand sanitizer, wipes, and tissues were some regular supplies requested and donated, even before we knew we would need them so much for COVID-19 in the coming months. The response from the teachers was very positive and were appreciative of all we were able to share. Often teachers are buying these supplies out of their own pocket for their classrooms. Jolene activated a Thrivent grant to supply several supplies to the table.

In June, we hosted a different collection event for the Alpha Center as we were unable to hold our regular diaper drive from Mother's Day to Father's Day with no in person services due to COVID 19. We hosted the Zion Drive Thru Baby Shower, on Sunday, June 14th 1:00-3:00. Alpha center suggested some items they could really use, such as size 4 and 5 diapers, Enfamil, new boys and girls clothing for sizes 18-24 month, 2T and 3T. Donations that were unable to make it during this time were just taken directly to the alpha center. 30 cars drove through on the beautiful June 14th afternoon. 30 boxes of diapers, 13 containers of baby formula, baby clothes, and \$570 in cash donations were collected. There were also

several toys donated, some of which the alpha center was unable to accept. Emily found another grateful home for them in a God provided opportunity to serving Jesus Christ by serving others, in the form of a couple families in the Wal-Mart parking lot. We received a very nice thank you from the Alpha Center.

In July, 50 Christmas in July gift bags and baskets for the shut-ins of Zion were assembled and available for any LWML members to take and deliver appropriately. Maps were made and attached to the baskets to aid in the delivery process. They were delivered at various times of July by various LWML members. Due to COVID, we were just able to drop off the baskets and not necessarily stay and visit. We have received a number of thank you notes. Emily activated a Thrivent grant to purchase supplies for this project.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily LaFrentz and Mary Ann Zinnel

### **Hostess Coordinator Report for 2020**

As a coordinator- when an event is planned at church involves the kitchen Maxine from office will call me with name and details of event. I will then contact one of the hostess if she is available. I will call event person to get a little more information and tell them a hostess will be getting in touch with them.

In 2020 we had 14 events paid out \$350.00 to the hostess.

I want to thank our hostess for always being there when I need them.

Max Kirlin

### **PAST PRESIDENT FOR 2020- LIBRARY BOARD CHAIRMAN**

Attended most board meeting this year Some were by Zoom and one on church lawn. was a member of the planning committee for 2021 budget.

We did not add any new books this year to the library and did not have a book sale.

An increase was seen in the number of books checked out and as they were returned filed back in the library.

Illa Biteler

## Zion Lutheran Church LWML Eve Circle Report 2020

Participating members during the year include: Judy Bittner, Nancy Bott, Lori Brunick, Lori Coufal, Sara Francis, Kim Fitterer, Jolene Hanson, Deb Hinde, Kristi Hofer, Jody Huebert, Jeannette Jensen, Pam Kludt, Nancy Kraayenhof, Emily Lafrentz, Renee Lehr, Jill Powell, Tammie Schultz, Joan Sebesta, Lanelle Smith, Cathy VandeBraak, Karen Voegeli, LeAnn Warner and Mary Ann Zinnel.

Co-Chairs: Jody Huebert and Cathy VandeBraak

Secretary: Sara Francis

January - We participated in the ingathering for the teachers of our congregation. Tissues, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes were collected. Cards were mailed to the college students.

February - We served a Valentine's meal for the Post-Seminary Applied Learning and Support (PALS) group from South Dakota.

March – We held our last in person meeting in the Main Street Living Studio. All activities were brought to an abrupt stop due to COVID-19. The Lenten Meal and the Sioux Falls Zone LWML Prayer Service were cancelled.

April – Items were collected for the college care packages. Our monthly meeting, DAYZ of Doing, LWML Zone Retreat in Wentworth and treats for Bible Class were cancelled.

May – The college care packages were delivered to the homes of students that had returned due to the closing of college campuses. A few that remained in off campus housing had their packages delivered to them. We had a Mini Mission Walk to collect donations for the National LWML Mission goals. Our monthly meeting, the Diaper Derby, preparing treats to help support Main Street Living and the South Dakota LWML Convention in Yankton were cancelled.

June - We held our first Eve Circle meeting outside in the upper parking lot. We participated in a Drive Thru Baby Shower to collect diapers, wipes and formula for the Alpha Center. Our servant activity at the Furniture Mission was cancelled.

July – We met in the upper parking lot for our monthly meeting. We helped delivered Christmas themed baskets to Zion's shut-ins. Our servant activity of serving a meal for VBS was cancelled.

August - We met in the upper parking lot for our monthly meeting. We assembled 12 "Welcome Baskets" and delivered them to the Furniture Mission.

September - We met in the upper parking lot for our monthly meeting. With proper social distancing and wearing face masks, we were able to participate in our first indoor joint meeting. Cards were mailed to the college students.

October – We met in the Atrium for our monthly meeting to allow for proper social distancing. 12 gift bags were assembled for the college students that attend the college Bible study held at Zion and led by Jacob and Chez. We participated in the Soupless Soup Supper Fundraiser. Serving treats for LWML Sunday, the LWML Zone Fall Rally and our servant activity of raking lawns were cancelled.

November – We met via Zoom for our monthly meeting. Cards were mailed to college students and treats were sent to them via Sam’s Club. Our treat assembly for the bake and book sale was cancelled.

December – Our monthly meeting was cancelled. We purchased 47 Christmas ornaments for the Sunday School children and teachers. They were distributed during the taping of the Christmas program. Our servant activity of gift wrapping for the Children’s Inn, the Advent Meal and the Book, Bake and Craft Sale were cancelled.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jody Huebert and Cathy VandeBraak, Eve Circle Co-Chairs

### **Zion Lutheran Church LWML Mary Circle Report 2020**

The Mary Circle has 12 Members:

Lenny Hendry	Dianne Corkill	Donna Crichton
Dorothy Chronister	Val Strandell	Sandy Krause
Jerilyn Harris	Julie Rames	Judy Cain
Judy Eisenbraun	Marsha Kritzmire	Mary Dunlap

Co-Chairs – Donna Crichton and Mary Dunlap

Secretary/Treasurer – Jerilyn Harris

The Mary Circle met regularly each month on the third Tuesday at 4:45 p.m. in the atrium until the pandemic hit. In June, July and August we met at McKennan Park. September was the joint meeting. October we met in the atrium. With a surge in COVID, November and December meetings were cancelled.

We continued to support the St. Francis House. We also decided to support our church's servicemen. We had two young men head out this summer and we, individually, are sending cards and notes to them and most importantly including them in our prayers. Our servicemen are Joshua Schlueter and Eric Sebesta.

Throughout the year, some members of the Mary Circle have helped with the Diaper Drive-Through, helped deliver the Christmas in July baskets for the shut-ins and participated in the Walk for Mites.

We have tried to stay connected through the mail and emails with each other. It was so good to meet in the park for meetings this summer.

We are hoping and praying that 2021 will bring new opportunities to serve – while they might still look different.

In Christ,  
Mary Dunlap and Donna Crichton, Co-Chairs

## **Zion Lutheran Church LWML Rebekah Circle Report 2020**

Kay Nelson Chairperson

Year of the Pandemic COVID-19

January at the Annual Joint meeting Secret Sister names were given out and the last years was revealed.

Rebekah circle started the year off with Bible studies for each gathering. From book "Christian Life Resources 2019-2021 "Icebreakers, Devotions, Bible Studies, Programs, Mission Service Projects and Mission Grant References".

COVID was announced and because of age of Rebekah Circle put meetings on hold. I continued to mail Bible Studies and devotions.

July COVID cases were down. So considering this Circle met at Sertoma Park . The wind was intense; we did get through some of the study and a few other items. There were seven of us out of 20.

Met at Atrium in August and Sept, then the COVID began to rise again so we, because of age our members are, decided to not meet until vaccine is taken.

Illa led the October meeting.

Soups dinner envelopes were collected; I never got a total there.

For an outreach to Zion's congregation's young families with children we did a service project of encouragement cards with enclosed bible verses.

Planning on having Jan all Circle meeting unless COVID numbers do not start receding

### **Zion LWML Officers: 2021-2022**

**President:** Jody Huebert

Elections were held via mail in Ballots

**Vice President:** Mary Dunlap

**Treasurer:** Mary Ann Zinnel

**Secretary:** Kristi Hofer

**Archivist/Historian:** Jolene Hanson

**Library Committee Representative:** Illa Biteler

**Hostess Coordinator:** Max Kirlin

**Mission Coordinator:** Emily Lafrentz

**Resource Coordinator:** Sara Francis

### **Circle Chairman**

**Eve:** Jody Hubert and Cathy VandeBraak

**Rebekah:** Kay Nelson

**Mary:** Donna Crichton and Mary Dunlap