

LWML Board Meeting Minutes

June 3rd 2021 –6 pm via Zoom

Members present: Jody Huebert President, Mary Dunlap Vice President, Mary Ann Zinnel Treasurer, Kristi Hofer Secretary, Cathy VandeBraak Past President, Maxine Kirilin Hostess Coordinator, Sara Francis Resource Coordinator, Donna Crichton, Kay Nelson. Not present: Emily Lafrentz Mission Coordinator and Jolene Hanson Archivist/historian.

Opening Devotion Cathy – Gods Timing Is Always Best

Secretary's Report – Kristi Hofer

Treasurer's Report – Mary Ann Zinnel

A check will be written to Zion Youth for \$236 with funds that were collected by Rebekah Circle to be used to assist youth that need assistance in covering fees for camp or National Youth Gathering.

Received a \$1,000 donation from Laurel Roth and Mary Ann sent a Thank You note.

Old Business

Hostess Program -- Update from Max – Response from emails to hostesses and Office on dates. Tabled due to connectivity issues last month with Max.

Max reported that events are starting to occur and so far has been able to cover events. New hostesses are always welcome to join this ministry program.

Update from Chrismon Committee -- Plan for September

A new Chrismon book has been ordered. The committee will be meeting next Tuesday to decide which ones will be made as they involve all skill levels.

Update from chairs on Shut in program – What ideas were brought forward?

Theme is “Thinking of you”. Each gift bag will contain 5 items that would be useful for the recipients. Items will be collected from June 27-July 11 and can be placed in a box behind the Welcome Center desk. Example of items would be note cards, stamps, socks, lotion or ChapStick.

Joint Picnic July 24th 12-2 in the atrium– What prep do we need to finalize – any activities? Just social time?

Bring your lunch and we will assemble the Thinking of You gift bags. Ladies will be able to take them for delivery. Please deliver within two weeks. Any Thank you cards received by the church will not be published in the bulletin but given to the LWML to share with circles.

Joint Meeting September 25th 9:30-12 Besides Chrismon project – what do you want to see during the meeting? Food? Bible Study? Speaker? Ingathering – Diapers?

Chrismon project with something for everyone to assist with. Ingathering we will be collecting diapers. Circle chairs will be having ladies vote on which organization the diapers will be donated to. These are the choices- Teddy Bear Den, Children's Inn or Alpha Center.

Update from Jolene – Oct 3rd LWML Sunday –CNC Donuts

More information next month.

Oct 3rd Start of Books Sale – Committee needed? Looking for someone to head up.

If you or know of someone that is interested in heading the sale up, please talk with Jody.

New Business

Sara will be doing a Minute for Ministry June 6th. Heart of LWML

The purple shoe will be available that Sunday in the sanctuary for donations.

Convention Offering Recipients: 4 checks each for \$100.00 – Being sent with Kay to give at the convention.

Offering #1: 2021–2023 LWML Mission Goal

The standing rules of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League Bylaws state that the offering received at the convention communion service shall be designated as a contribution to the mission goal of the LWML.

Offering #2: King’s Community Outreach in Fort Wayne, Indiana

King’s Community Outreach, located at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, and is reaching out to the neighborhood through food for the body and for the soul. They have involved members from Holy Cross Lutheran Church and approximately five additional LCMS congregations. King’s Community Outreach is active throughout the year with Bible study every Sunday, providing school supplies, diaper giveaways, and a Christmas giveaway where approximately 2,000 people are covered with prayer, served food, and given gifts for the children. This offering will be used to support King’s Community Outreach as they begin a parking lot ministry with in-car worship every Sunday to first bring them to Christ, and then to the church. The offering will help King’s Community Outreach as they reach out with the Gospel to those in the inner city struggling to survive and help them to Run the Race and Look to Jesus.

Offering #3: Gifts for All God’s Children’s Connecting Kids to Christ Center in Detroit, Michigan

Many mothers of at-risk children need the support of Christ-focused programs such as the Connecting Kids to Christ Center. The Center provides Sunday School, one-on-one tutoring, and summer camps. Year-round Christ-centered events are hosted in local churches in order to connect these at-risk children with the body of Christ, Bible and Baptism classes. The Connecting Kids to Christ Center, with Gifts for All God’s Children and East Bethlehem Lutheran Church, supports, directs, and follows up with mothers, guardians, and children with prayer, spiritual, social, and physical aid. This offering will help expand the program by reaching out to more children in the private and public school systems and will help train other churches that desire to replicate the program in their congregations.

Offering #4: POBLO International Ministries in Clinton Township, Michigan

People of the Book Lutheran Outreach (POBLO) Ministries is reaching and serving the immigrant and refugee communities by sharing the Gospel message with Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, and others in the United States. In partnership with LCMS congregations and 36 LCMS districts, International Friendship Centers have been opened in various districts. POBLO International has a strong track record of successfully helping many U.S. congregations to start cross-cultural outreach. This offering will enable

POBLO International to train numerous congregations to begin outreach to non-Christian communities in their neighborhoods and others via Zoom or in person. Their vision is to add more male and female field missionaries. This offering will support sharing the Gospel with Muslims, Hindus, Sikh, and Buddhist communities in the United States by inviting ethnic populations to become part of the LCMS congregations.

Watch the convention LIVE

If you are unable to attend the Lexington convention in person, you can still participate by watching live video streaming of the convention. All sessions and worship services will be streamed live, and most will also be available for viewing later. A link to the live stream and printed material and resources can be found on the LWML website at www.lwml.org/2021-convention.

The plan is to put the link to the livestream on the LWML website June 16, along with the worship services

Planning on having the opening worship available to watch in the atrium Thursday June 24th 6 pm.
Looking for someone to assist with technology

Mary Ann will check with Chad to see if he is able to assist with this event.

Request from Mary Circle

Mary Circle voted to bring to the board: a request for a \$500 check to go to convention for gifts from the heart. Also with the 1,000 just recently received maybe time to donation. Discussion

Cathy made a motion that we not give additional funds to gifts from the heart. Motion was seconded by Donna. Motion passed.

Max made a motion that we should wait until the end of the year to distribute funds. Each circle will be given the same amount of money and will vote on where they would like the funds to go to. Motion was seconded by Sara. Motion passed.

July Board meeting – July 8th -- via Zoom with August 5th in person.

Reports

Past President – Cathy VandeBraak
President – Jody Huebert
Vice President – Mary Dunlap
Treasurer – Mary Ann Zinnel
Secretaries – Kristi Hofer
Chair of Mary Circle –
Chair of Rebekah Circle –
Chairs of Eve Circle –
Resource Coordinator – Sara Francis
Archivist/Historian – Jolene Hanson
Library Committee – Illa Biteler
Hostess Coordinator – Max Kirilin-
Mission Coordinator – Emily Lafrentz

Adjourn with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Hofer
Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

2021

June 3rd Board Meeting 6 pm Zoom

June 24th –27th 2021 National Convention in Lexington, Kentucky. Theme: Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus

July 8th – July Board Meeting

July 24th -- Joint Picnic (bring your own lunch) 12-2

Sept 12th – Rally Sunday

Sept 17th – 18th District Retreat in Pierre SD Theme: God's Quilt of Comfort

Sept 25th – Joint Gathering/Meeting 9:30 am to 12 pm– Service project Chrismon Repair/Make New

Oct 3rd – LWML Sunday – Donuts for Dollars

Oct 3rd/Oct 6th/Oct 10th/Oct 13th – Book/Puzzle/Game Sale

Dec 8th – Advent Meal

2022 – LWML SD District Convention, Yankton Zone

LWML Eve Circle Minutes

May 13, 2021 – 7:00 PM via Zoom

Members present: Jody Huebert, Nancy Bott, Mary Ann Zinnel, Jolene Hanson, Jeannette Jenson and Cathy VandeBraak

Opening Devotion – Jody – Living in the Spirit – Helps Me Be Fruitful

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

Old Business

April Mite offerings \$82.21 and Home offering \$71.30. Total \$153.51.

Virtual Photo Finish Walk was held May 1st here at Zion. 26 Walkers and 1 dog. \$549.30 was collected and will be given to the new biennium mission goals chosen at the convention. We received positive feedback about the event and it was suggested to do something similar in the future and invite the Zone groups again. Thank you to everyone who participated. Check out Emily's purple shoe on the LWML table if you haven't seen it. It is awesome.

Prayer Sister postcards are available in the LWML box across from the office. More purple paper has been ordered to print more postcards. This is a great sign this program is working. Please continue to use the postcards to connect to your LWML sisters and remind them you are keeping them in prayer.

New Business

We will organize an opportunity to gather to watch the opening service from the National Convention. The opening service is on Thursday, June 24th at 7:00. We need to see if that will be live-streamed or recorded to determine a time to gather. We will share more information as it becomes available.

Sunday, July 11th Eve Circle will be preparing the meal to kick off VBS. We will serve chicken nuggets, chips, grapes and carrots. We are in need of helpers.

Thinking of you event for shut-ins. What are your thoughts on repeating Christmas in July? Moving it back to December? A completely different time of year, perhaps August? Practical items such as water bottle, hot chocolate mix, tea, note pad, pen, snack, bookmark, card, etc.?

Eve members would like to have gift bags for the shut-ins. Suggest items are listed above or simply think of what you would like to receive. We would like to have the members bring items to donate between June 27 – July 11. We will order Christmas ornaments to include in the bags. The bags can then be picked up at the Joint LWML Picnic on Saturday, July 24 and delivered to the shut-ins within the next two weeks.

Joint LWML Picnic on July 24th at noon. Please bring your own lunch and lawn chair. We will move into the atrium if weather is an issue. This will be a time of fellowship and a great time to invite other ladies to join us and learn more about LWML.

The Bible Study that goes along with the movie It's a Wonderful Life has been ordered for Pastor Greg to review. More information will be shared at a later date.

September Joint meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 25th 9:30 AM – Noon. During this time, we will be completing a service project for the congregation by repairing and making new Chrismons to be used during the Advent season.

Please start organizing your books, puzzles and games to donate for our fundraiser. We will begin the sale on LWML Sunday October 3rd and run for two weeks. We will be in need of volunteers to help with this event.

Eve Circle Meetings and Events.

It was decided to hold the July Meeting one week early due to Father's Day. We will meet on Sunday, July 13th at 11:45 AM. Please bring your lunch and a lawn chair as we plan to meet outside by the upper parking lot. We will move to the Atrium if the weather does not cooperate.

Fire pit gatherings. Saturday, August 14th or 21st we will meet at Jeannette Jenson's home. Spouses are welcome and encouraged to come. Bring your own chair, beverage and a snack to share. We will talk with Jill, Lori and Sara to see if they are interested in hosting on other dates.

Adjourn with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy VandeBraak
Eve Circle Co-Chair

UPCOMING EVENTS

2021

June

13th Eve Circle Meeting at 11:45. Bring your lunch and a chair.

24th –27th 2021 National Convention in Lexington, Kentucky. Theme: Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus

TBD We plan to organize an opportunity to view the opening service together and will know more once convention information is shared

July

11th Servant Event – Prepare Meal for VBS

18th Eve Circle Meeting

24th Joint LWML Picnic (bring your own lunch) Noon

August

TBD 14th or 21st Fire Pit Gathering at the Jenson Home.

15th Eve Circle Meeting

September

12th Rally Sunday

17th – 18th District Retreat in Pierre SD Theme: God's Quilt of Comfort

19th Eve Circle Meeting

25th – Joint Gathering/Meeting – Service project Chrismon Repair/Make New

October

3rd LWML Sunday – Donuts for Dollars

3rd/ 6th/10th/ 13th – Book/Puzzle/Game Sale

17th Eve Circle Meeting

November

21st Eve Circle Meeting

December

8th Advent Meal – We will serve a baked potato bar.

12th Gifts for Sunday School children

19th Eve Circle Meeting ???

2022

LWML SD District Convention, Yankton Zone

LWML Rebekah Circle

May 18, 2021

Zion SF Atrium

Members Present: 10 Alverna Anderson, Jan Frentz, Audrey Hein, Lois Jones, Max Kirlin, Sunhild Muldbakken, Kay Nelson, Stacy Tisher, Val Ohrt, Shirley Wright

Members Not Present: 9 Illa Biteler, Carol Ekse, Carol Harms, Marie Kruger, Roselyn Olson, Norma Robinson, Avis Priest, Betty Schultz, Coletta Venske,

*Open with reciting "The League Pledge" in unison. Individuals shared personal confirmation stories
Prayer and Devotion by Kay Nelson*

May OFFERING: Home \$45.00 Mites \$ 29.00 Diaper Fund \$75 (TOTAL \$149.00)

Treasurer Report: Clarification the Rebekah Circle Days for Girls balance of \$206 will be given to Zion Youth.

May and June Rebekah Circle offering will be used to purchase diapers. (3 large diaper boxes were purchased at Sam's Club and delivered to Zion Office).

Old Business

Pastor Thank You cards : A total of 125 cards will be needed. Please bring any extra blank cards to next meeting. Rebekah Circle will send approximately 10 cards per month throughout the year. Stacy will provide 3 examples of Thank you notes to include in card, we will vote on which one to attach to card. Rebekah Circle members will also sign a master copy to attach to cards. Stamps will be provided.

Chrismons: The 50+ year old Chrismons were looked at and are in poor repair. Maxine will buy new kits (Kathy is to see if there is Grant money available for this expense) Rebekah Circle will utilize kits at future "Days of Doing" event on Sept 25, 2021, time yet to be determined.

National Convention: Kay will be attending. If you would like to like to purchase Target or Walmart gift cards for the Food Bank support "Gifts from the Heart", please bring to June meeting and Kay will bring to National LWML convention in Lexington on June 24-27. The Zion LWML Virtual Photo Finish Walk on May 1, 2021 was submitted and will be shared at the National Convention.

Rebekah Circle would like to keep meetings to the timeframe of 1:30-3:00 pm. The Devotion will be a 2 page LWML Quarterly Bible Study that will be provided the month before. Meeting in Conference Room

New Business

Christmas in July/August is accepted. Wondering if Zion Youth would be interested in delivery baskets? Kay will follow up with Jacob.

Rebekah Circle would like to participate in a Picnic. We would also like to have a restart the Christmas Party and invite the other circle to the event. Kay to look into catering.

Prayer Request for family of Sophia Biver (3 year old of daycare fatality). Kay Nelson's cataract surgery

Next meeting: June 15,2021 at 1:30 in Zion Conference Room.

Handout for June meeting "life is like Swiss Cheese" Please bring small cheese and cracker plate to enjoy or share. Contact Kay if copy is needed.

Adjourn with the Lord's Prayer.

Upcoming Events: June 24-27 LWML National Convention in Lexington.

September 17-18: District Retreat in Pierre. Theme: God's quilt of comfort Will we need a banner?

September 25 Joint meeting/Gathering Service Day (Crismon project)

Respectfully Submitted, Stacy Tisher, Rebekah Circle Secretary

Mary Circle

May 18, 2021

Number Attending: 14

Met in the Conference Room

Home Offering: \$72.00

Mites: \$86.00

Attending were Mary Dunlap, Dianne Corkill, Dorothy Chronister, Donna Crichton, Judy Eisenbraun, Lenny Hendry, Betty Schultz, Tammie Schultz, Julie Rames, Illa Biteler, Sandy Krause, Val Strandell, Marsha Kritzmire and Jerilyn Harris.

Mary led the Bible Study, "Life is Like Swiss Cheese", from the Spring Quarterly.

Old Business:

There were 26 walkers for the Virtual Photo Finish Walk May 1st at Zion. Collected was \$549.30, which will be given to the new Biennium Mission Goals chosen at the convention in June. Funds will be sent to the LWML Office.

The 2021 LWML Convention in Lexington is now open to everyone. The Virtual Photo Finish Walk will be displayed on the screen at the convention and will be a part of the Photo Finish Mission Walk Video. The video will be available on the LWML website in the fall.

Kay Nelson presented a Minute for Ministry on Mites May 2. Mary will have a Minute for Ministry in August on the Puppet Place.

Hostess Program hostesses are to respond back to Max Kirlin's email if willing to still help out or not.

Dorothy will check with St. Francis House in June regarding a tour. She will check on the limit of number of people.

Discussion was held on an Indoor/Outdoor Brown Bag Picnic lunch July 24 at Zion. We could have it outside. If it rains, we can go inside to the Atrium. As a circle, do we want to come early and have a short meeting? We are to think about it.

Pastor Lehr will review "It's a Wonderful Life" for a Wednesday night Bible Study, which will be in the fall.

Donna reported the Chrismons were gone through. Deteriorating and broken ones were taken out. New ones with wire and beads will be made. The Chrismons will be placed on the tree in the Atrium. A suggestion was made to also hang them in windows.

Discussed participating in Gifts from the Heart. Betty made a motion to go to the Board with a request that the LWML send \$500.00 for Gifts from the Heart. The motion was carried. Individuals can also purchase gift cards of \$10.00, \$20.00 or \$25.00 from Walmart or Target, if they wish and give to Kay Nelson.

New Business:

Sara Francis will do a Minute for Ministry June 6th.

Hostess reimbursement of \$1500.00 from Zion Board will be paid to LWML now and if additional payments are needed, payment request will be made. The 2022 payment will be made annually.

The LWML will livestream all convention sessions. Memorial Lutheran will livestream the convention. Do we want to go to Memorial to watch it or watch it here at Zion?

Discussed Christmas in July, August or December. Of the 48 shut-ins, six or seven receive cards only. We voted to do Cheer Baskets in August and assemble the baskets at the July meeting.

Discussed the Diaper Derby. It was suggested to have an in-service of diapers at the September meeting.

October 3rd is LWML Sunday - "Donuts for Dollars". Jolene Hanson will check with the Brown's (CNC Factory) about making the donuts. She will also apply for a Thrivent Grant.

October 3rd/October 6th/October 10th/October 13th will be the Book, Puzzle, & Game Sale. People will be needed to help set up, sit at the tables, etc.

There will be a Baked Potato Bar for the December 8th Advent Meal. Help will be needed.

Thirty new books in a series called Sugar Creek Amish Mysteries, donated by Nancy Bott, have been checked in. Illa reported other books were also processed.

Lisa Asmus requested help with making Mailboxes for the convention, May 25 from 12:30 – 2:30 and June 5 from 12:30 -2:30 at Memorial Lutheran.

Zone President Tina would like our input on voting for Mission Goals. The 2021-2023 Mission Grant Proposals are on the lwml.org website. We are to email Tina with our top eight choices by Saturday, May 22.

After the meeting, care packages were put together for Eric Sebesta and Joshua Schlueter. Mary will mail the packages.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerilyn Harris