

October 11, 2018 LWML Board Meeting

Members Present: Illa, Betty, Marie, Marsha, Renee, Tammie, Sandy, Mary Ann, Jody and Cathy.

Illa opened with a Mustard Seed Devotion, "In the Word. God are you listening."

Secretary's Report was reviewed. Jody made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Tammie. All were in favor and it was approved.

Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Betty made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Jody. All were in favor and it was approved.

Old Business

A Soupleless Tale. Copies of the poem and envelopes will be available for the October circle meetings. If the members are willing to contribute, they are asked to return the envelope during the November meeting. This is to help raise funds that would normally be collected during the Fall Soup Supper that we will not be hosting this year. The funds will go toward the 2019 LWML general fund.

We discussed the September 15th Speaker Event with Fred and Judy Davis. About 100 people were in attendance for breakfast. People came and went during the presentation as their schedule allowed. Very positive remarks were heard about Fred and Judy and their presentation. They were very kind and also lead Bible Class on Sunday morning. We are very appreciative of them coming. ***Please check your copy of Fred's book, Through Stormy Waters, to see if you may have a copy that belongs to Renee Lehr. Her book is missing but should be very easy to identify. The names Vernon Bump and Renee Lehr and signed on the first page. Thank you for returning the book to Renee.

Nominating Committee reports they have one nominee for the position of secretary and are in search of one more person for this position and two people for the position of treasurer to serve on the Executive Board for a two year term beginning in January of 2019. Please prayerfully consider serving on this board. It involves one meeting a month in addition to the normal circle meetings. We are able to partner together to make these positions more feasible for everyone. Please contact Marsha Kritzmire, Tammie Schultz or Kay Nelson if you have any questions or are willing to serve.

We are preparing for the Advent Meal on December 12th. We will serve chicken noodle soup and dessert. Mary Ann will check with people on her list for a possible Thrivent grant to cover the cost of food. Sign-up sheets will be available at the circle meetings in November.

New Business

Mary Dunlap has retired from making cards for the shut-ins and college students. We are **SO** very thankful for her sharing her time and talents for so long with this ministry. We pray she is now able to fully enjoy working on her projects. We will now order cards from the same company we use to sell cards in the Atrium. A motion was made by Jody to provide cards to the shut-ins for Easter and Christmas and it was seconded by Marie. All were in favor and it was approved. Betty has agreed to continue to send the cards.

Mary Ann presented a proposed budget for 2019. A motion was made by Betty to approve the proposed budget and it was seconded by Renee. All were in favor and it was approved. The proposed budget will be presented to the circles to vote on in January.

There was discussion on how to utilize the remaining funds in a CD from Lois Hammond that will come due in February 2019. It was suggested that we look into new easy care tablecloths for the Atrium. Betty will measure the tables and provide Cathy with the size and quantity needed. Cathy will then gather some information and present it to the board at the November meeting.

Discussion on how to distribute funds remaining in our account at the end of 2018 was had. There is a list of charitable organizations that will be available for members to review at the October circle meetings. The LWML Board would like you to review these organizations. All of them provide much needed support to the community of Sioux Falls in a variety of ways. Please take the time to click on the links to be taken directly to the page of each organization. We are asking you to pick three organizations that you would like to support with the funds we currently have in our account. The circle chairs will then count the votes and pass along the top three selections to the Board. The organizations that are chosen will receive \$333 each. If an organization is chosen by two circles, then they will receive \$666. If they are chosen by all three circles, then they will receive \$999. The voting on this should be completed at the October circle meetings.

Jody is working on an ingathering for the veterans. She will contact Maxine with the information for the Clarion and the bulletin concerning the items needed. The collected items will be presented to the Veteran's Outreach Center speaker that will be present at a luncheon on November 13th. This luncheon is presented by the Love Kitchen for the veterans in our congregation.

Patty Peters has reached out to request ideas for a banner design to be used at the National Convention. If you have any thoughts on the banner for South Dakota, please turn them into Illa or directly to Patty by January 10th. The theme for the convention is "In Praise to the Lord."

Please contact Marie if you have any updates on your circle memberships. She needs to turn in an updated roster by the end of October.

Refrigerator Cleaning: October - Eve Circle. November – Rebekah Circle

Upcoming Events

October 14th German Sausage Feed sponsored by the Gaat Ministry

October 16th Rebekah and Mary Circle Meetings

October 21st Eve Circle Meeting – Craft Event and Lunch following the late service

November 8th LWML Board Meeting

November 13th Veteran's Luncheon sponsored by the Love Kitchen

November 18th Eve Circle Meeting

November 20th Rebekah and Mary Circle Meetings

December 2nd Streets of Bethlehem

December 12th Advent Meal

December 13th LWML Board Meeting

December 16th Eve Circle Meeting

December 18th Rebekah and Mary Circle Meetings

February 2nd Prayer Service at Resurrection Lutheran in Sioux Falls, SD

April 26-27 SD District Retreat at Divine Shepherd in Black Hawk, SD

May 31 -June 1 SD District Mission Trip to Orphan Grain Train headquarters in Norfolk, NE. We will work on sorting donations they have received. There will be a cost of approximately \$156 to cover the cost of the transportation and lodging.

June 20-23, 2019 National Convention Mobile, Alabama Theme "In Praise to the Lord" The bus will leave on June 18th and return on June 24th. Registration for the bus is due December 1st. The cost for the bus and two nights of lodging during the travel is approximately \$450. Registration for the convention and lodging in Alabama is not included in this price. March 1st is the convention registration deadline.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy VandeBraak

Eve Circle Minutes

September 16, 2018

Meeting Place: Main Street Living Room

Attendance: 10

Mites: \$ Home: \$ Mary Ann has the totals.

Mary Ann opened with a devotion from Portals of Prayer titled "Something Old, Something New."

Cards were signed for the college students and will be mailed on Monday, September 17th.

Old Business

Fred and Judy Davis spoke yesterday. About 100 people were in attendance for breakfast. People came and went during the presentation as their schedule allowed. Very positive remarks were heard about Fred and Judy and their presentation. They were very kind and also lead Bible Class on Sunday morning. We are very appreciative of them coming.

We still have spots open for serving on LWML Sunday, October 7th. Many people are needed for a variety of positions such as greeter, usher, reader, starting coffee, serving rolls, etc. Pam is willing to usher and/or read during the 10:30 service if needed. Mary Ann will send out a copy of the sign-up sheet. **Please wear purple.**

New Business

We have all the contact information for Seminary student Eric Larson. We will begin supporting him and his family in September with a monthly gift of \$50.

LWML shirts are available to order. Mary Ann will send out an email to the circle to see if anyone would like to order. Wednesday, September 19th will be the deadline to respond to Mary Ann for this order.

The nominating committee will consist of Kay Nelson, Tammie Schultz and Marsha Kritzmire. They are to find candidates to fill the positions of Secretary and Treasurer for the Executive Board beginning January 2019.

Kim shared about a project called "My Sweet Dragonfly." It is a project that provides families that have suffered the loss of a child through miscarriage, still-birth or death, with a comfort bag. The bags are available for members/family/friends of Zion. At this time, Kim has about 25 bags. Some are in the church office and Kim has the others. Please reach out to Kim or Maxine if you need a bag to go to someone. The bags contain a Dragonfly journal, marker, book mark, angel ornament, a reunion heart and a card. When needed, Kim will reach out and the circle will help with cards and various items for the bags.

A Soupleless Tale was briefly discussed. Members are encouraged to read it in the September 6, 2018 LWML Executive Board Minutes. We will distribute it at the October meeting along with envelopes. If members would like to participate, they may return the envelope at the November meeting.

October 21st Crafting Event - Please join us for a fun event lead by Pam Ricke, owner of Pam's Project Page on Facebook, on Sunday, October 21st at 11:30 in the Atrium. We will begin with a nacho bar lunch and a very short meeting. Then the real fun begins as we get crafty. All the supplies to create a Give Thanks/Jingle Bells reversible decoration (see attached picture) will be available. You just need to show up.

Guests are welcome to join us for this event. However, there is a **non-refundable** fee of \$25 due by Sunday, October 7th to reserve their spots. Payment may be given to Mary Ann, Jody or Cathy prior to the deadline. Checks may be written to LWML.

The Fall 2018 Lutheran Women's Quarterly is available. If you did not pick it up at the meeting, please check the LWML box across from the office for a copy with your name on it.

Upcoming Events

October 5th Christian Growth Workshop in Canistota, SD 9:30 - 3:00 (2 offerings will be collected and there is a cost for the workshop and lunch)

October 6th Fall Rally at Memorial Lutheran 9:00 – 2:00 (Please bring cake mix, frosting and/or sprinkles)

October 7th LWML Sunday Theme "Our Rest in a Changing World"

October 11th LWML Executive Board Meeting

October 16th Rebekah and Mary Circle Meetings

October 21st Eve Circle Meeting – Craft Event and Lunch following the late service

Spring 2019 Prayer Service at Resurrection Lutheran

June 20-23, 2019 National Convention Mobile, Alabama Theme “In Praise to the Lord” (registration for the bus will be due in early January)

October Refrigerator Cleaning: Eve Circle. Mary Ann has graciously offered to clean the refrigerators. We thank her!!!

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathy VandeBraak

Charitable Organizations in Sioux Falls

The LWML Board would like you to review the following charitable organizations. All of these organizations provide much needed support to the community of Sioux Falls in a variety of ways. Please take the time to click on the links to be taken directly to the page of each organization. We are asking you to pick three organizations that you would like to support with the funds we currently have in our account. The circle chairs will then count the votes and pass along the top three selections to the Board. The organizations that are chosen will receive \$333 each. If an organization is chosen by two circles, then they will receive \$666. If they are chosen by all three circles, then they will receive \$999. The voting on this should be completed at the October circle meetings.

Call to Freedom Mission: to provide supportive services for victims and survivors of human trafficking and sexual exploitation. We serve victims and survivors in Sioux Falls and the surrounding areas.

Website <http://calltofreedom.org/>

Dress for Success Mission: to empower women to achieve economic independence by providing a network of support, professional attire and the development tools to help women thrive in work and life. Website <https://siouxfalls.dressforsuccess.org/>

HorsePower Mission: Equestrian programs/therapies for individuals with physical, emotional, and/or cognitive challenges, in a quest for personal independence, accomplishment, and self-pride. Website <https://horsepowersf.com/>

South Dakota Parent Connection Mission: Connecting families caring for children (birth to 26) with the full range of disabilities and special health care needs to information, training, and resources in an environment of support, hope and respect. This assistance can range from information and training to referrals or individualized assistance. Website <http://www.sdparent.org/web/index.php?siteid=2825>

Children's Inn/Children's Home Society Mission: To empower victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse to overcome trauma and rebuild their lives, free from abuse. Website <https://chssd.org/childrensinn>

St. Francis House Mission: moving people from homelessness to hope. Website <http://stfrancishouse.com/>

International Friends of Sioux Falls Mission: to teach English to immigrants. Paul and Bonnie Haugen

Days for Girls International, South Dakota Chapter Mission: to increase access to menstrual care and education by developing global partnerships, cultivating social enterprises, mobilizing volunteers, and innovating sustainable solutions that shatter stigmas and limitations for women and girls. Website <https://www.daysforgirls.org/>

Teddy Bear Den Mission: to promote healthier pregnancies, healthier babies and a healthier community. Website <http://teddybearden.org/>

Furniture Mission Mission: To share the love of Christ through the acceptance and distribution of gently used furniture to those in need. To give families and individuals the basic furnishings needed to make a house into a home by collecting donations of gently used furniture from the community and then distributing the furniture to those in need free of charge. Website <http://www.furnituremission.org/>

The Compass Center Mission: The compass center exists to break the cycle of sexual and domestic violence. Website <https://thecompasscenter.org/>

Lunch Is Served Mission: to deliver simple sack lunches for working men and women who are attempting to break the chains of poverty and hunger. Website <http://lunchisserved.org/>

Family Connection Mission: to provide low cost temporary housing for inmate families. Website <http://sdfamilyconnection.org/>

Teen Town Mission: Teen Town allows parents of teenagers (13-18) to choose a gift for their teen after choosing gifts for their younger children at the Salvation Army's Toy Town. While Toy Town provides gifts for children up to age 12 as well as food for the family, there was still a need with the teens, so the Holiday Clearing House created Teen Town in early 2000. Serving and Learning Together (SALT) at Augustana University was honored to begin the coordination of Teen Town in 2012. Over 3,200 gifts have been given to teens between 2012 and 2017. Website <http://www.augie.edu/student-life/getting-involved/volunteer-services/salt/teen-town>

Helpline Center Mission: making lives better by giving support, offering hope and creating connections all day, every day. They provide the 211 Helpline, suicide prevention and crisis support and connect volunteers. Website <http://www.helplinecenter.org/>

Family Visitation Center Mission: to provide safe supervised visits and exchanges with the goal that, while in our care, children are emotionally and physically safe. Website <https://www.fvcenter.org/>

In evaluating our annual soup and pie supper we, the LWML Executive Board, offer you the following option.

A SOUPLESS TALE

A bit of news we have today
A souplless supper event is on the way
You'd be surprised if you counted the cost
Of materials, heat and time you've lost
Yet nobody really wishes to shirk!
We thought of a plan that's truly grand
And feel quite sure you'll understand
So in an envelope please put what you can
Without fuss or bother you've done your part
We're sure you'll give with a willing heart.
This is the end of our souplless supper tale.
We thank you for your willingness to do what you can.