

LWML News

“Abide with Me” (LSB 878)

“Abide with us,” the disciples walking to Emmaus begged the stranger who had met them on the road and explained what the scriptures taught about the Messiah, “for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.” (Luke 24: 29 KJV). So, Jesus went in with them, making himself known in the breaking of bread. The hymnwriter Henry F. Lyte took the phrase and applied it to himself. “Stay with me,” because the night is dark and full of things to fear. “Abide with me,” because daytime brings its own terrors and temptations. “Stay with me,” because I need Jesus to be my friend and helper amid the changes and uncertainties of life. “Abide with me,” through illness and my final dying moments. Because Jesus paid the price of sin on the cross, we can be sure he will stay with us. Because he offers forgiveness and eternal life, we know we will abide with him forever in heaven.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who donated and contributed to our “Noisy Buckets” for mites. We were able to send in \$660.82 in March. Nationally LWML met and exceeded the 2017-2019 Mission Grant goal of \$2,075,000.00 by \$97,373.76, receiving a total of \$2,172,373.76.

Coming in May

On May 4, First Lutheran will host “Follow the Leader” the LWML Assembly of Leaders for Montana’s Western Region, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. The training is designed to equip current and future leaders to continue to share Jesus within their communities and throughout the world. Lunch and materials will be provided. Please contact Sonja Reeves if you have questions and plan to attend.

The Lutheran World Relief Mission quilts will be displayed in church on May 5. The Lutheran World Relief (LWR) truck will be here at 8:00 am on Saturday, May 11. We will be packing the kits and quilts at our meeting on Tuesday, May 7. We can use help loading the truck—we have not only our own boxes, but the Lutheran churches in western Montana also contribute to this drive.

Ongoing First Lutheran LWML projects

Throughout the year, LWML circles work on Lutheran World Relief projects: school kits, baby care kits, personal care kits, and quilts. We piece, tie, pin, and sew the quilts; we purchase items throughout the year for kits, looking for sales. In May we finish putting the kits together, box them, and load them on the LWR truck for delivery to the LWR warehouse in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mission Projects (Mites)

May’s Mission Grant of \$60,000.00 to MOST (Mission Opportunities Short Term) will provide scholarships for families to go on short term mission trips. enabling families to answer the expressed needs of missionaries and partner churches, by working on mission projects. This helps spread the Gospel and meet the needs of people they serve, but also helps the families involved to grow in faith.

Meeting Dates:

Follow the Leader	Saturday, May 4, 9:30 am-3:30 pm - Church
General Meeting	Tuesday, May 7, 7:00 pm - Fellowship Hall—LWR packing
LWR Truck loading	Saturday, May 11, 8:00 am - Church
Topic Leaders	Tuesday, May 21, 12:00 noon - Church
“Caring for the Body of Christ” Pages 18-19, Spring 2019 Quarterly	
Altar Circle	Tuesday, May 28, 7:00 pm
Mary-Martha	Tuesday, May 28, 7:00 pm
Youth & Cradle	Wednesday, May 29, 1:00 pm

Please check the weekly bulletin for locations and any changes.

LWML offers all women of the congregation an opportunity for Bible study, service and fellowship.