

LWML News

"I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus" (LSB 729)

The milestone month of June marks significant changes for many: confirmation, graduation, new jobs, marriage. Old routines give way to new prospects, new opportunities, new relationships—new lives. It is in these times of change that Frances Havergal's hymn, "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus," reminds us that whatever happens in life we can trust in Jesus—trust in His love and the redemption He offers us freely. Havergal, the daughter of an Anglican clergyman, born in 1836, uses simple language and rhyme in her poems to sing the love of God and His way of salvation. This hymn was her "own favorite," and was found in her pocket Bible after her death in 1879 (per Hymnary).

Follow the Leader

On May 4, First Lutheran hosted "Follow the Leader" the LWML Assembly of Leaders for Montana's Western Region. The training emphasized our need to reach out to people effectively, using appropriate means of communication, whether telephone, e-mail, or text. As the "people of His pasture" we sheep learn to follow the Savior and carry out his commission to make disciples of all nations. As we sang in a newly learned song, "I Just Wanna Be a Sheep."

LWML Convention

Lutheran Women in Mission will meet in Mobile, Alabama, June 20-23, to elect officers and select Mission Grants for the next biennium. Led by God's power, we praise and proclaim the Lord among all the nations. Please remember the delegates and attendees in your prayers, that the Lord grants us safe travel and that we follow the Lord's will in our decisions.

Lutheran World Relief Results

When the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) semi left our parking lot Saturday, May 11, it held 728 boxes, weighing 13,172 pounds, of soap, quilts, baby care kits, personal care kits, school kits, fabric, and blankets. All the Lutheran churches in western Montana, from Libby to Hamilton, from Thompson Falls to Deer Lodge, whether LCMS, ELCA, or WELS, participated in this drive, which is organized by the Montana District of LWML. After filling up the truck in Belgrade, it heads on to the LWR warehouse in St Paul, Minnesota, joined by another truck from Billings and Glendive. Once there the kits and quilts will be repacked and bundled, ready to ship to wherever in the world they are needed. This year First Lutheran contributed 14 baby care kits, 91 school kits, 69 personal care kits, 74 mission quilts, and one box of soap for the drive.

What Does Altar Circle Do?

Did you ever wonder how the bread and wine get to the altar for the Lord's Supper? Who fills the individual cups and sets out trays and the common cup, as well as the paten with the wafers? It's the women of the Altar Circle, whose duties include the care of altar paraments and communion ware, preparing the altar for communion and cleaning up afterward. Altar Circle members make sure there are flowers for the altar, change paraments and banners to match the church season, and check that pew racks are supplied with pencil and paper.

Mission Projects (Mites)

May's Mission Grant is \$97,000.00 for Raising Pastors and Deaconesses. Originally requested to construct a Seminary building in Liberia, with the consent of the requestors and grantees, this has been reallocated to provide \$20,000 to establish Teacher Training "Hubs" in Africa and Asia, \$40,000 to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, for education costs for Graduate School students from African countries, \$7000 to enable Deaconess Grace Rao to travel to Liberia to train Deaconess students, and \$20,000 to the seminary in Sierra Leone, which students from nearby Liberia will attend. The goal of training people to become pastors and deaconesses will be met.

Meeting Dates:

General Meeting: Tuesday, June 11th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

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.