



LWML News

He Prayed with Them

“Pray without ceasing.” (1 Thessalonians 5:17 KJV) The Gospels reveal Jesus’ teachings on prayer and his practice. Using the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, he taught us to pray sincerely without display and meaningless words; the parable of the widow who sought justice, teaches us to be persistent. In his own prayer life Jesus gives us these examples:

- Going off by himself to pray
- Praying for his needs at Gethsemane
- Praying and giving thanks before meals— an act so characteristic that this is when the Emmaus disciples recognized Jesus
- Praying for his disciples, including a specific prayer for Peter who will face temptation before the cock crows the next morn
- Prayers for all believers—that mean us
- Prayers for his enemies and those who do not understand what they are doing
- Prayer that those who witness Lazarus’ being brought back to life will believe that he was sent by the Father
- Jesus does not pray for the power to perform a miracle, but that it would be a sign for people to believe. The acronym A.C.T.S. (which stands for Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication) becomes A.T.S. for Jesus, who has no need to confess sin but whose entire life is a prayer of worship, thankfulness, and concern for people. With the prayer he taught us, we are able to say “Amen” to what Jesus has done for us.

LWML Sunday

We celebrate LWML Sunday with the congregation on October 3rd. The Mite Box will be set out on this Sunday. We will provide cinnamon rolls during the Bible Class hour. Wear purple and gold, the LWML colors.

Prayer Service

Altar Circle will lead us in a Prayer Service “He Prayed with Them” at our general meeting, Tuesday, October 12th, at 7:00 p.m.

Dates and Meetings

LWML Western Zone Fall Rally will take place on Saturday, October 9th, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran, Hamilton. The guest speaker is Walter Merkel, who will tell of his family’s escape from Russia during the last year of World War II, a story

chronicled by Mark Sullivan in “The Last Green Valley.” The registration fee is \$6.00, to cover lunch and materials and the “In-Gathering” will be paper goods for the S.A.F.E. House in Hamilton.

General Meeting—Prayer Service on Tuesday, October 12th, at 7:00 p.m.

Topic Leaders meet at church on Tuesday, October 19th, at 12:00 noon. The topic is “Merciful Care,” page 22. Fall 2021 Quarterly.

Altar Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 26th, at 1:00 p.m.

Mary-Martha Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 26th, at 7:00 p.m.

Youth & Cradle Roll Circle will meet on Wednesday, October 27th, at 7:00 p.m.

Lutheran World Relief

Quilt tying takes place on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 12:00 noon till 2:00 p.m. Packages of pre-cut squares for the quilt tops, with instructions, are available for people to take home, sew together, and bring back. Then these tops can be matched with a bottom and tied. We continue to collect for School Kits, Personal Care Kits, and Baby Care Kits.

Mites

Our Mission Grant emphasis this October is “Healing the Invisible Wounds of War through Horses,” a grant to Spirit Warrior Central Maine of \$95,000. Maine is among the list of “least churchd” states in the nation. It has only three LCMS churches in the entire state and has only five Veteran Administration Chaplains. Deaconess Kim Slininger was called to Hope Lutheran Church to reach out to the extensive veteran and military community in the Bangor area. Deaconess Kim is herself a disabled veteran, and the Spirit Warrior program is an extension of her ministry. Spirit Warrior is a program that addresses the need to provide pastoral/diaconal care using horses, to those who have stood in the face of evil and have returned. Current traditional therapy does not address the care of the spirit. Many veterans’ service members want to connect with God and the theological discussions take place while caring for the horses. This grant will provide funding for 58 veterans to go through the program.

Fees

LWML Membership fees of \$16.00, which help to pay the costs of the Montana Missive and LWML Quarterly, are due in October. Make payments to First LWML and give to our treasurer, Linda Billehus.

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

