

PATTY'S PONDERINGS

A heartfelt 'thank you'

Chances are you're reading this after we held our district convention (June 3-4 at St. John's, Yankton, under the theme "Walk in Love"). If you were there, I hope that the Spirit of the Lord filled your hearts as you heard the Word, participated in servant events, learned about the Mission Grants and enjoyed fellowship with your LWML sisters.

This event can't be accomplished without the help of many people. Thank you to the ladies of the Yankton Zone and the members of St. John's, who opened their doors for many to enter.

Farewell

As the body of Christ we work together to show His love to our neighbor. Praise be to God for everyone who gives their time, talents and treasures to further the kingdom of God. I thank the outgoing officers — Susan Swanson, Nyla Jurrens, Donna Harr, Heather Miller and Rev. Daniel Grimmer. May God bless each of you as you continue to work in His harvest fields.

As we start a new biennium, I pray that you can participate in the many LWML activities and Bible studies in your groups, zones and the district. Please continue to fill your mite boxes. I hope to see you in Milwaukee for the 2023 national LWML convention, "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations," based on Ps. 33:12-13.

May the Triune God bless you each day as you "Walk in Love!"



Patty Peters
LWML South Dakota
District President



MITCHELL ZONE REPORT

Much fun in 2022!

Greetings from the Mitchell LWML Zone! This year started off with an overwhelming feeling. Too many things to do with no promise of getting caught up. That feeling has not diminished or disappeared. As one project is completed, another appears. But I am reminded almost daily of Rom. 8:28:

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

We ended 2021 with our Fall Rally on Oct. 3. Two women from the Mitchell Area Safe House gave a presentation on its history, services and outreach programs, and how to recognize and report abuse. Groups of the Mitchell Zone collected Gifts from the Heart items for the safehouse.

We also conducted a silent auction during the Fall Rally. Initially, we intended to have a small "trial-and-error" auction to raise money for Mites. Each group was asked to provide one or two items for the auction. With eight groups in the Mitchell Zone, we ended up with over 35 items to auction off! Because of God's blessings, the silent auction was a monumental success. With thankful hearts, we were able

to make a large donation to Mites. Praise be to God!

The excitement hasn't stopped in 2022. On April 30, the Mitchell Zone Spring Christian Life Workshop featured Rev. Brian Lemcke, who talked about, "Who Is Jesus-According to the Scriptures," and Carma Popp, president of the Mitchell LWML group, who gave a striking visual presentation, "The Pieces of Jesus' Life in Color and Quilts." Pastor Lemcke serves the dual parish of Emmaus, Tripp, and Zion, Delmont.

Attendees brought donations for the local food pantry and more for Gifts from the Heart.

On Oct. 2, the Mitchell Zone will host the Orphan Grain Train Fish Feed at Zion, Delmont. The Fish Feed is another new experience for us, but we have been told that the food is fantastic! One of the district's two Christian Life Workshops will be held at Zion, Mitchell, on Oct. 8 (see page 5), and plans are once again being made for a silent auction to be held this fall to benefit Mites.

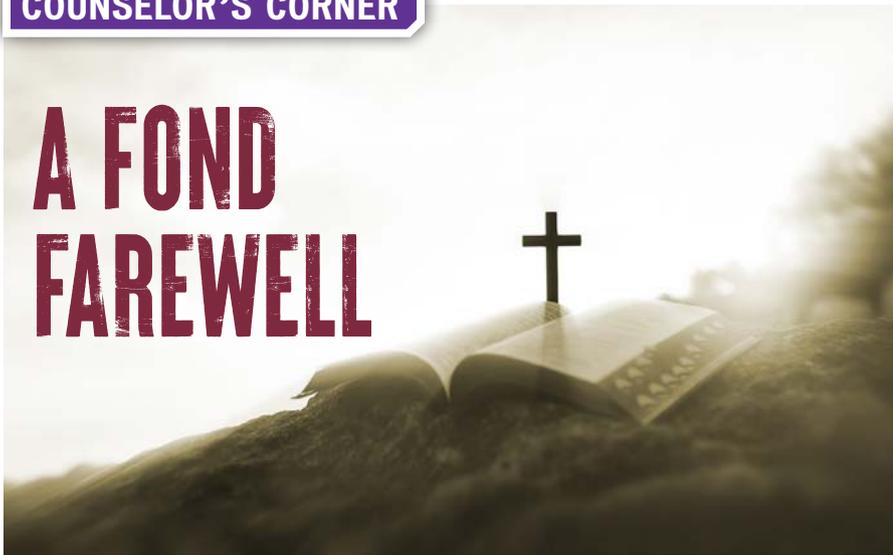
We pray God's blessings on our plans as we seek to do His loving work with our hands.

Julie Kaufman
LWML Mitchell Zone President

As **Lutheran Women in Mission**, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

A FOND FAREWELL



But now,
O LORD,
you are our
Father; we
are the clay,
and you are
our potter;
we are all
the work of
your hand.

Is. 64:8

Dear Sisters in Christ of the LWML South Dakota District,

It's been such a joy and a privilege to serve as your pastoral counselor these last four years.

Seminary professors talk frequently about their work in "forming" pastors. And much formation does indeed occur during the years that a man is preparing to serve as a pastor. But in truth, so much shaping and forming continues to come through the years of actually serving as a pastor. I thank you for all the opportunities to serve among you, while continuing to grow and be shaped for future ministry.

If there's one area that I can be certain that the Lord has used my time as LWML pastoral counselor to shape me for His service, it is in my renewed appreciation for the



Rev. Daniel Grimmer
LWML District
Pastoral Counselor

prayers, support, encouragement and leadership of the LWML for sharing the Good News of Jesus to a world in need of His mercy, grace and forgiveness. Though of course I knew of your work prior to my service as a counselor, I failed to recognize how much the Lord has shaped and is using you to accomplish His own mission. Thank you for giving me a renewed interest and passion for sharing Jesus' Word with the lost!

The last couple of years were a "blessed challenge" as together we navigated the disruptions and uncertainties of the pandemic, and the challenges that it brought to our works of ministry and mercy together as a district. Despite the difficult circumstances, our work was blessed as your joy and zeal for Christ's Word and for sharing the Gospel with the world never wavered. You met the challenge head on and prevailed through God's gracious provision.

I have learned so much from my time among you and I will miss having the insider view of your mission work in support of the church's ministry. I will continue to keep you and your work in my own prayers and look forward to seeing you all again.

The Lord bless you and keep you in His service and in His grace!

**With gratitude and appreciation,
Pastor Daniel Grimmer**

Make plans to attend workshop

With the LWML South Dakota District Convention now a sweet memory, we are making plans for the Fall Christian Life Workshops.

Rev. Robert Hinckley, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Chamberlain, will present on "The Tabernacle/Temple in the Bible." He will talk about how the tabernacle and temple point to Christ and what that means for the church today.

The workshops will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1, at Bethesda Lutheran Church, Hot Springs, and Saturday, Oct. 8, at Zion Lutheran Church, Mitchell. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the

workshop concludes at 1:45 p.m. with a devotion.

Registration will be followed by an opening devotion and the main presentation. Each workshop includes an hour-long break for lunch, fellowship and shopping at the LWML store.

Bring a friend and your Bible and be inspired to reach out to share with others the life-saving Word!

Susan Buxcel
VP of
Christian Life

