

## LWML CID Springfield Zone Virtual Fall Rally

Welcome: President Debbie Rodenburg

Pledges: Vice President Pam Gross

Pledge to the National Flag

*I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America,  
And to the republic for which it stands,  
One Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.*

Pledge to the Christian Flag

*I pledge allegiance to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
And to the faith for which it stands, One Savior, eternal,  
With mercy and grace for all, so help me God.*

Introduction of Mission Speaker Dr. Ken Schurb: Pam Gross

Mission Speaker Dr. Ken Schurb

LWML PLEDGE: President Debbie

*In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His Blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all we are and have: and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest field, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voices to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen*

Bible Study "Working Together" : Zone Counselor Pastor Gaylord Spilker

## Business Meeting

Installation of VP Pam Gross : Pastor Spilker

Minutes from September 19, 2019 rally (See last page of agenda)

Treasurer's Report. Judy Carlson. ([Judyc.lwml@gmail.com](mailto:Judyc.lwml@gmail.com))

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Current balance, \$1176.96.

Please send your society's voluntary \$15 contribution to the zone by October 1.

Megamite collection in lieu of ingathering. Offering for district expenses. These monies may be sent to your treasurer or our zone treasurer Judy Carlson. Fill out the contribution form you received from Cheryl Long. (It is also included in this mailing)

President's Report: President Debbie

1. Fall Retreat at Camp Cilca

"Grab our shoes and go" is the theme. Oct. 9 & 10 at Camp Cilca. Registration forms will be sent to the society presidents.

2. LWML Sunday materials are available for download at [lwml.org](http://lwml.org).

The theme is "Kingdom people produce Kingdom Fruit"

3. Angel Tree Prison Ministry \$22 per child. Gift cards and Christian materials will be sent by Angel tree directly to the children

4. District Convention – April 29 – May 1, 2021 We will have our same speakers, agendas and activities that we planned for this May 2020. "Proclaiming Jesus- 75 years of serving the Lord with gladness"

5. National Convention June 24-27<sup>th</sup> 2021. "Running the Race – Looking to Jesus"

If you are interested in riding the bus, let your president know.

Our zone is responsible for the banner this year.

Banner Explanation VP Pam

Thank yous and closing: President Debbie

Sing "Lutheran Women One and All"

## Lutheran Women, One and All

Lutheran women, one and all,  
We have heard the Gospel call.  
We by faith have seen our Lord  
Crucified and then restored.  
We have seen Him pay the price,  
For our sins a sacrifice.  
Him we Lord and Christ acclaim  
And unite to praise His name.

Lutheran women, young and old,  
Well we know His challenge bold:  
Help to take the Gospel Light  
To a world in darkest night,  
By example in the home,

By inviting those who roam,  
By our prayers for sinners lost,  
By our gifts for missions' cost.

Lutheran women, coast to coast,  
In the Lord a mighty host,  
Let us all united be  
In the Holy Trinity,  
One in faith, in hope, and love,  
Working for the Lord above,  
Till, our earthly labors done,  
We in heaven shall all be one.  
Prof. Ernest Lewerenz Tune: 495 LW,  
Tune: 892 LSB, 495 LW, 574 TLH

## Minutes from Fall Rally 2019

### Fall Rally, September 19, 2019 “An Unchanging God in an Everchanging World”

**For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.  
Malachi 3:6**

The rally was called to order by President Rodenburg and an opening prayer was said in unison. Rev. Gaylord Spilker offered a brief morning devotion in which he noted that though change is all around us---buildings, relationships, etc.---God does NOT change. His love is the one constant in our lives. We were then welcomed to Trinity, Edinburg by committee chairman, Pam Spilker. President Rodenburg led us in the pledge to our national flag and to the Christian flag.

Our speaker, Laura Strattman, CID Human Care Chairman, was introduced by Pam Gross, Zone Vice President. Her talk was on Change is good –You go first! We like the results of change but we don't like to do it. But, if we don't like change, we are going to like irrelevance less. She used the Chouletecal Bridge as a graphic example. Much time and money went into it's building. Then, when a hurricane hit; the bridge survived---but the river moved. Classic irrelevance. Although each generation imagines itself to be more intelligent than the prior generation, they irrationally think they are more intelligent than the next generation. After a discussion of the differences between Boomers, Gen X'ers, Gen Y millenials, and Gen Z, including their preferred methods of communication; she concluded that we can't stop change. Instead, we need to deal with it. Our resistance is similar to other forms of grief with all the stages from denial to acceptance. Throughout the history of the church, it has had to deal with change. As we try to

adapt, we will have failures. Failure is not a sin but a learning experience. Change is not a one time deal. Our world continues to change. Remember, the river has moved. Adapt! Fail “early and often” and learn from it. We need to lead the charge to revitalize our LWML.

After a short break, the offering for CID was collected and “Lutheran Women, One and All was sung accompanied by Susie Suggs followed by greetings from the Central Illinois District brought by Rev. Miller.

Rev. Tim Hahn, District Sr. Counselor, led a Bible study on “A Never-changing God in an Ever-changing World.” We looked at various things that change including one that we cannot change—sin. And he discussed the change our God makes in us as He transforms us.

After the LWML pledge, Pam Spilker introduced our Honorary Speaker, Connie Harter Matovu. She volunteers with Hospice Africa Uganda in Kampala as a Social Worker. She spoke about her work and about the Lutheran Seminary in Uganda. Because only 30 ordained ministers are attempting to care for 140 congregations, there is a great need for additional ministers. They currently have 48 students, almost no furniture, and only a very minimal library. Part of our ingathering was books for the library.

President Rodenburg opened the business meeting by inviting the audience to look over the secretary and treasurer's report. Roll call was answered by 14 societies.

Mary Denham presented the slate for election. President Rodenburg was re-elected by acclamation. Judy Carlson was elected by acclamation as Secretary/Treasurer.

Dawn Zerkel, District Vice President for Christian Life spoke about the National Convention in Mobile and various district activities. The CID Convention will be in Morton in the spring—April 30-May 2. In addition to being 3 days instead of 2, it will feature a convention choir, Thursday community service events, Friday Bible study and an evening banquet, and regular convention activities on Saturday. Our zone is in charge of the Silent Auction. She encouraged us to come and bring a friend---maybe a young woman. District is underwriting cost of the banquet so they can keep registration costs to \$25. Mission Grant Forms are due October 31. She also solicited nominations for District officers. The National website has been revamped (LWML.org) and also the District site (LWMLCID.org)

President Rodenburg gave the ZONE President's Report. She has forms for the various units. Angel Tree will be sponsored again with the party on December 8 at Our Savior's in Springfield. The Grandmother/Mother/Daughter Tea and Style Show will also be repeated on Sunday, March 15 at Trinity in Springfield with a Diaper Shower to benefit the Parent Place. She thanked the society presidents in the zone for their hard work and cooperation.

Attendance of 63 members, 1 guest, and 11 pastors was reported. The offering for CID was \$444.00. The Ingathering included 307 items for the food pantry and many hundreds of books for the Uganda Seminary.

After the Ingathering Litany, Rev. Hahn installed President RoDenburg and Secretary-Treasurer,

Judy Carlson.

Cheryl Long invited everyone to the 2020 Fall Rally in St. John's New Berlin.

Motion to adjourn. Passed.

Closing hymn, "Serve the Lord with Gladness" was sung. A luncheon prayer was offered.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alice Steljes  
Springfield Zone Secretary-Treasurer

## FALL RALLY REGISTRATION FORM

GUILD/GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH, CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

Ingathering for Mega Mites amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Offering toward District Operating account: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: LWML Springfield Zone

Mail to: Judy Carlson, 1 Turnberry Place, Springfield, IL 62704

Please respond by September 20th.

Some members may send mega mites and offering directly to our zone treasurer, Judy. Either way is fine. Since viewing times of the rally vary, the deadline send mites and offering is September 30th