

**Council of Lutheran Women
General Meeting
St. Peter Lutheran Church Macomb, Mi
Monday September 23, 2019**

Opening Devotion: Pastor Mark Arendell

Subject: See God in America

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3-4

The Pastor talked about Glacier National Park, which is in the State of Montana. The Park is called the Crown of the Continent. Everything there is preserved in its beauty - the mountains, glaciers, waterfalls, lakes, and a variety of plants and animals, unlike the world around us, where everything changes from day to day. However, no matter how much things change, we know we have a home in heaven. God has preserved for us the priceless gift of eternal life; it is kept in heaven for us, pure and undefiled beyond the reach of change and decay.

Meeting was called to order by President Lucie Witte @ 9:55 a.m.

A warm welcome was given by Leanne Stallman from St. Peter Lutheran Church.

Minutes from Spring meeting, April 29, 2019 were presented. It was motioned and seconded to approve the minutes. Report on file.

Treasurer's Report: The recommendation from the BOD to move \$6200.00 of the undesignated funds to the scholarship fund was presented. The adjusted total in the scholarship fund will fund 16 scholarships @ \$625 per person, leaving a Balance of \$17.10 in the scholarship fund. The recommendation and report were approved. Report on file.

Reports of Officers

VP Communication – Judy Shepard. Report on file. Submitting a report on the Scholarship designations to the District's Michigan In Touch supplement to the Lutheran Witness.

Correspondence Coordinator – Glory Drum. Report on file.

Development Coordinator – Linda Conger. Report on file.
Our list of supporters is growing. Please help look for new advertisers and sponsors who might be willing to give directly to scholarship fund or advertise in the Luncheon Program booklet.

Membership Coordinator – Marlene Gunnell. Report on file.

Membership total is down to 55 congregations, with 20 auxiliaries, 1 new member Laura Thomas. Faith Detroit and St Paul, Farmington Hills merged and took a new name, Shadow of the Cross. Our Redeemer, Dearborn closed. Added LWML Suburban Lights Zone as an auxiliary.

Publicity Coordinator – Laura Thomas and Nora Baars.

Report on file.

Scholarship Coordinator - Lucie Witte.

Report on file.

Nominations Coordinator – Wilma Wagner.

New members on committee are Glory Drum, Barbara Hoffmeier, and Sandy Hardies. Election in April 2020 for Treasurer, VP of Human Care, and President.

Website – Judy Shepard.

Report on file.

VP Events – Sandy Hardies.

Report on file.

Hospitality Coordinator – Sheri Comeford.

Women of the Year Coordinator – Gina Davidson.

Women of the year Reservation Coordinator – Barb Karowich.

Request made that if someone needs to request a special meal, please mail or e-mail the form that will be available as it is preferable to have it in writing.

Program Coordinator – Barb Collins.

Woman of the Year Booklet Coordinator – Barb Collins.

Eventbrite Coordinator – Candie Sionkowski.

VP of Human Care – Barbara Hoffmeier.

Thanks to all the attendees for the generous ingathering.

Sandy Hardies daughter-in-law is a 5th grade teacher at St. Peter and recruited 4 of her students to help with the collections. Thanks also goes to those students for their enthusiastic help.

Food Bank Coordinator – Willie Marie Henry.

Report on file.

Operation Layette Coordinator – Pam Stasko.

Report on file.

Recipients love to receive handmade items such as sweaters or blankets. It means so much that someone took the time to create these items for them to use and enjoy.

Issues & Action – Patti Jacques.

Report on file.

Mission Support Coordinator – Doris August.

Report on File.

Correction for Family of God mailing address, Zip code should be 48043. Urban Ministries Tour Tuesday October 22, 2019

President's Report – Lucie Witte. Report in file.

Reports of inter-Congregational Organizations

Camp Restore – Bethany Mrosko. Report in file.

Concordia University Guild. Absent. No Report

Concordia Theological Seminary St. Louis - Laura Thomas.

Concordia has 615 students which is a small increase in freshmen class. They are still in need of more students to fill the positions that are vacant.

Family of God – Tyler Cronkright. Oral Report

Open 6 days a week. Their latest transition has shifted ministry from defense to offence, shifting focus to young people ages 13 and 14 years. They've had some success averaging 15 students coming for tutoring. On Sept. 28 they're having a meeting at Brew Detroit, from 2-4 to talk about what they do and recruit volunteers. Tyler's e-mail tyler@fogdet.com 1-810-240-4434.

Gifts for all God's Children - Marsha Bauer. Report on file

Lutheran Heritage Foundation. Absent. No Report.

LHSA North Parents TEAM. Absent. No Report.

LHSA Northwest. Absent. No Report.

LHSA Westland Boosters. Absent. No Report.

Lutheran Special Education – Marty Moro. Report on File.

LWML English - Andrea Anderson. Oral Report.

Fall Rally Oct. 26, 2019

LWML Michigan Downriver, Dearborn - _____ Oral Report.

Oct. 5, 2019 Fall Rally. Retreat coming up, look on LWML Website.

Greater Detroit Zone – Willie Marie Henry Oral Report.

Fall Rally will be Oct. 22, 2019 at St. John in Detroit, Laura Thomas will be the speaker.

Macomb South Zone - Karen McClland. Report on file.

Sept. 28- Rummage Sale; Oct. 14- LWR loading at St. Paul, Sterling Heights; Oct. 18- Small Plate International Dinner at Hope, Warren; Oct. 26-Fall Rally at St. Peter's Eastpointe, Speaker-Luke Project 52.

Suburban Lights Zone. Absent. No Report.

Wayne Oak Hills Zone. Absent.

No Report.

Most Ministries – Sandy Hardies.

Oral Report.

Special Event- 30-year celebration. The speaker from South Africa runs the Eyeglasses Ministry in Africa. Look for the article in the LWML Quarterly.

Poblo. Absent.

No Report.

Project Compassion. Absent.

No Report.

Wellspring Lutheran Services.

LCFSA #2. – Willie Marie Henry

Oral Report

March—Bakeless Bake Sale; April—Wash cloths and towels given to New Direction; June—White Elephant Sale; July---Bottle Auction; August---School Supplies given to New Directions. October 16, 2019 Convention.

LCFSA#18. Absent.

No Report.

Historian – Pat Schultz. Excused

Unfinished Business

Women may be honored a second time from a different member organization.

New Business. 2021 WOY Luncheon will be at the Sports & Expo Center on the campus of Macomb Community College. Hostesses will be able to set-up the day before.

President Lucie Witte announced the names of all the Seminarian Scholarship Recipients. Tyler Cronkright was present at our meeting and will be ordained Jan. 4, 2020 at Family of God.

Two young women from Concordia University—Ann Arbor received the memorial scholarships. Paige Rebber received the John C. Streit Memorial Scholarship and Hannah Biermann received the Leona B. Meyer Memorial Scholarship.

They were accompanied by Dr. Sandra Harris-Dean of Education and Professor Josh Kittlemann.

Other New Business

Pastor Howard sent his regrets. He had an on-line class as part of his SMP program through the St. Louis Seminary.

Recited the Johnny Apple Seed Prayer before lunch break @ 11:58

Our Guest Speaker - Mike Redford from *Wellspring Lutheran Foundation*.

Mike talked about the new project going on at Wellspring. They are building a new 84-unit housing development called The Springs in Frankenmuth for seniors 55 years and older. He also talked a little bit about the other things that they do under the Wellspring umbrella: Foster care, Music Therapy, Art Therapy, Senior Care, and Family Preservation.

Closing prayer by President Witte@ 1:41 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlestine Gooden

Recording Secretary

Upcoming Events

Presidents Tea	October 21, 2019	11am	Holy Cross, Warren
EC Meeting	November 4, 2019	10am	Huntington Woods Lutheran, HW
BOD Meeting	January 20, 2020	10am	Angelica, Allen Park
2020 Luncheon	March 17, 2020	11am	Burton Manor, Livonia
EC Meeting	April 6, 2020	10am	TBA
Spring Meeting	April 27, 2020	9 :15am	Camp Restore Detroit @ Mt. Calvary
Fall Meeting	September 28, 2020	TBD	Mission Focus @ Faith, Troy