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Prayer Requests

- Thanksgiving for the birth of Joanna Warren and Margret Schlund. Our newest missionaries!
- Thanksgiving for time with many LWML Societies and Zones
- Thanksgiving for El Reformador's first Symposia
- James' continuing seminary classes

LWML

This month's newsletter is dedicated to the [Lutheran Women's Missionary League!](#) Many of you may have an LWML group at your congregation, are an LWML member, or have been a recipient of their generous gifts and prayers in your ministry! Growing up I had never participated in an LWML group or knew much about them, however as a missionary I quickly learned what dedication and care these women give to their church and community.

In their [Spring quarterly publication](#), you can learn more about the [history](#) of the LWML on page 3. Here you read of the story of Alice and her daughter Nicole who are great and great-great granddaughters of the first LWML President. The article shares the story of Clara and taking in her daughter's family, working tirelessly in her husband's business, raising her family, and serving with the LWML. I had the privilege of meeting Alice last summer and learning about her service as a missionary in Latin America and how she continues that service here in the U.S.. Reading that article reminded me of a conversation I had several years ago at [Mission Central](#) with a group of women who were recalling the days of their mothers participating in LWML and having to clean off chicken eggs to sell for missions.

Fast forward to 2017 where in the Dominican Republic we received a National LWML grant to build [Seminario Concordia El Reformador - República Dominicana and Mercy Center](#). This grant has given

seminary students all across Latin America to study theology and pastoral formation to then go back to their respective countries and serve as pastors and church planters. Pictured above are all of the students and national church presidents from Latin America who gathered for the first [Symposium](#) just a few weeks ago.

The Gospel continues to go forth! This is what the church looks like in action. We come together as one body – the Body of Christ – caring for each other in body and soul. The LWML has certainly done that and continues to do so in so many ways, whether it's caring and supporting her missionaries, or supporting projects like the Seminary in the DR in order that the Gospel continue to be shared to all, or supporting one another and their congregations in spiritual growth and community outreach.

Pictured to the right are two LWML members, Betty Kueffner and Louise Davis. Two LWML women who have dedicated their time and efforts to the church going forth in sharing the Gospel and caring for those who are being sent out! A true blessing!



Getting In The Zone



It's Spring Zone Rally time!! A special thank you to the [Lakeshore and Saginaw Valley Zones](#) for inviting me to speak and share at their rallies! It was so great to meet all of you and share about life in the Dominican Republic and Latin America, but even more so about how the Gospel is being shared throughout the region through God's people! Also, a special thank you to St. Paul in Bremen, IN for inviting me to their society meeting, the home congregation of fellow missionary, [Jamielynn Tinkey!](#)



Meet Erin!

Erin is one of our newest (yet returning) members of the Latin America Missionary family! [Erin will be serving as a short term team coordinator](#) for our region. I had the opportunity to meet up with Erin this month in St. Louis! Our worlds never intersected until now, which I still can't believe! Erin served with LCMS World Mission at Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care in El Paso, Texas and most recently at CPH. Welcome, Erin! Looking forward to serving alongside you!



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