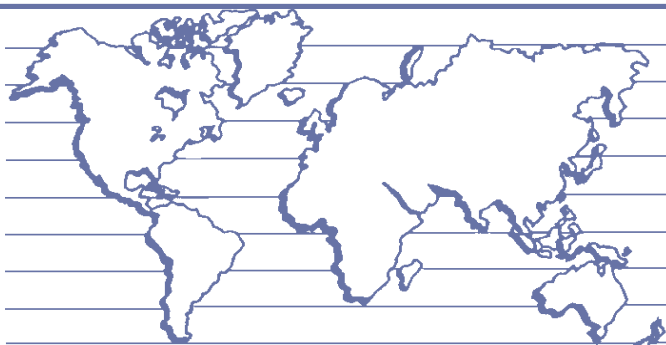


The Messenger

News for Women in Mission



July-August-September 2009

"Serve the Lord with gladness." Psalm 100:2

LWML Exceeds Mite Goal!

Praise God! The LWML has exceeded its 2007-09 mission goal of \$1.7 million by \$75,730.17.

"The greater 'LWML family' actively met and exceeded the mite goal for 2007-2009," LWML President Jan Wendorf said. "People from all over responded to God's love in their own lives and joined together by God's grace and provision to accomplish this. I am humbled and honored by the trust given to Lutheran Women in Mission to be about their Father's business while it is still day. Sincere thanks to all who contributed."



Among contributions received by the March 31 deadline was an anonymous memorial gift of \$100,000.

LCMS President Gerald Kieschnick sent his congratulations to the women of the LWML: "What a blessing from the hand of the Lord, made possible, humanly speaking, by the generous hearts of some of His most precious children-the wonderful women of the LWML! The support provided by LWML for the LCMS and its related ministries is vital for the ongoing mission of our Synod and is most sincerely appreciated. Please communicate my sincere and heartfelt appreciation, on behalf of our entire Synod, to all the wonderful women among whom you are privileged to work and to lead."

Retreat

You are Invited to attend

Fall Women's Retreat
"Outrageous Joy"

September 11-13, 2009

Chieftain Inn, Carrington
(see pages 6&7 for details)

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The mission of the North Dakota LWML is to equip and encourage all women to share the compassion and hope of Jesus Christ.

President's Message

"This is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it" Psalm 118:24

*Serving with gladness
Sue Corwin*



Sue Corwin

Summer is a time for vacations and doing special things with the family. Our thoughts turn to travel, camping, fishing, and many other activities where we can get away and spend time relaxing. We also need to take some time to spend in the Word and remember all the blessings that God has given to us.

If we take time to "smell the roses" as people say, we see the green fields, the flowers in bloom, and the trees with their foliage. I enjoy driving in the country and seeing the fields of green, yellow and blue. It is so pretty and it reminds me that God has created all this for us to enjoy.

In Portland, we went to the Rose Gardens and saw all the beautiful roses in bloom that God has put there for us to enjoy. In addition, we were able to see the mountains and marvel in God's majestic creation. They are so beautiful and whenever I see the mountains, I marvel at them.

We also celebrate the freedom that we have as a country and we need to remember the freedom we have through Christ. He has freed us from our sins and from death. We have the freedom to live for Him. We thank Him for all the freedoms that we have.

"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus, the law of the Spirit of Life set me free from the law of sin and death." Romans 8:1-2

Take time this summer to enjoy all the wonders of the season and remember the freedom that we have in Christ.

*Serving with gladness,
Sue Corwin*



"Let us lift up our hearts and hands in prayer."

The District LWML Email Prayer Chain

The District Board of Directors continues to maintain an email prayer chain. This allows for fast broadcasting of information and the prayer chain is very active. It is open to anyone who would like to participate. At this time, let us pray for:

—Continued dedicated mite giving to help spread the Gospel throughout the world and the goals will continue to be attained in support of district mission projects. Prayers of thanksgiving and rejoicing for the District Mission Grants paid at this time.

—All of our brothers and sisters affected by storm damage in various areas of the state.

—Vacant and calling congregations that they may soon have pastors to serve them.

—The many brothers and sisters who are under medical care and in need of the Lord's care.

—All those who we know of who are suffering and in need of the Lord's help.

—Special requests: Jan Struck and family in the loss of her mother; deployment of Jon Krenz and his wife at home expecting in December; completion of spring planting.

—Prayers for safe travel and renewed enthusiasm for all who attended the LWML Convention

We find comfort and peace, knowing that God does hear our prayers and will answer them. Let's never forget -- the power of prayer doesn't come from the pray-er, and it isn't in the words, but it comes from the One who calls us His own. We pray so that we will always be aware of His power, mercy, forgiveness and love.

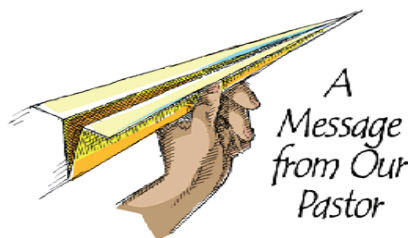
If you would like to participate in the email prayer chain, just email Sue at scorwin@csicable.net and tell her you want to receive the prayer requests.

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Counselor's Corner

Mountain Top Experiences

"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth." (Psalm 121:1-2)

Sue and I returned from Portland, Oregon from attending the National LWML Convention. We were on a high from visiting the coast, participating in the convention and then touring Mt. St. Helens. We were in the clouds with joy and blessings from our Lord. We came back knowing, but hoping that we would not fall back into the hum-drum of everyday life.

But then we jumped into the car on Sunday afternoon and headed for Aspen, CO, for a Grace Place Retreat. We again found ourselves in the Mountains and awe of God's wonderful creation. We met other couples, one I recognized from Seminary, another we "clicked" with right away, others we had been acquaintances with and still others, we met for the first time. Everyone was wonderful, friendly and Christian! We were presented with "centering prayer", with how to say "no" when our ministry interferes with our families, with some simple exercises for our bodies and with wonderful devotions of uplifting meditations for our soul.

We returned and wondered if we would come back to the hum-drum of our lives. Sue will need to go back to work on Monday and return to those needs. We kept asking each other, how our lives have been changed and what we can do to continue this change.

I leave for District Kids Kamp on Sunday afternoon to spend another week in the Mountains, albeit the Turtle Mountains, but mountains nevertheless and I am sure it will again be another mountain top experience.

Each experience we have gone through has to change us. We cannot let those who have stayed behind in the valley bring us back down. The charge that we have is to bring those who were left behind up with us. We may not get them to the top, but to get them out of the valleys of the shadow of death is a priority that we cannot pass up.

We have all experienced these mountain top feelings and when we return to our homes, we see people who have not experienced them and are still doing the same things. We learned this past week that if you keep doing the same thing over and over, you will continue to get the same results over and over or even less. So I suggest that we do something different. Invite people to coffee or cookies or someplace to share your experience. Don't keep it to yourself and think that it was just a great thing and now reality hits. Reality is that Christ died for the forgiveness of your sins and has earned for us eternal life. That's an experience that we need to share, we cannot go around thinking that everyone knows that or even has had an experience of how huge that love is.

I know, as Lutherans, we have been taught not to believe in feelings, but they are there and to deny them is to deny that Jesus had enough feelings to die for us. Those feelings will never earn for us salvation, but feelings will motivate us to share our faith with others. That is the mountain top feeling that we receive at a convention, at a retreat and at camp. Let's continue those feelings to all those around us when we return.



*Pastor Dean Hartley
Senior Counselor*



**Deadline for
October-November-
December Newsletter—
October 5**

Human Care

"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'" Isaiah 52:7

Our God DOES reign! Even if you were not able to attend the LWML National Convention in Portland last month, our God still reigns! He reigns as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. He reigns in our hearts and in our lives. He reigns as we interact with our families and other people around us. He gives us opportunities to show His love and caring and salvation to others.

We had many opportunities to share Jesus' love through the Servant Events at the Portland convention. Backpacks were filled with school supplies for needy children; quilts were sewn together; hand-sewn fabric bags were filled with toiletries for a children's hospital in Portland; Spanish Bibles were marked; Braille Bibles were assembled. Gifts from the Heart items brought by convention attendees included 308 Health Kits, 194 Art Kits, 697 packages of socks, 308 Teddy Bears, 421 packages of T-shirts. These gifts will be shared with people we will never meet; but we pray their hearts will be touched with God's love through these gifts.

Our God reigns here in North Dakota also. The LWML District Retreat is coming up on September 11-13, 2009 at the Chieftain in Carrington. Please plan now to attend this wonderful weekend of JOY. Along with Bible studies, speaker Jan Struck, fellowship and food there will

Valerie Biberdorf, VP Human Care

be two Gifts from the Heart ingatherings. One is sanitary pads for young girls in Liberia. Because they do not have the pads they need, they are forced to miss school during their periods each month. This would be a wonderful way to show God's love and caring to these young women.

The second ingathering is for the First Choice Clinics in North Dakota. These clinics help young mothers to choose life for their babies and they often need the help that is offered to them. Items donated must be new and for children infant to 13 months. Possible gifts include diapers, socks, t-shirts, burp cloths, rattles, teething items. A unit-sponsored "Baby shower" would be a great way to gather some items before the retreat.

And, of course, please keep in mind the North Dakota LWML District convention scheduled for June 18-20, 2010 in Bismarck. Put it on your calendar now. There will be more opportunities there to show Jesus' love through Servant Events and Gifts from the Heart ingatherings. The theme for the convention will be "Reign in My Heart" Deut 10:12.

God does reign in our hearts as we are in His Word, walk with Him and serve Him in our lives.

"And now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul..." Deuteronomy 10:12



Honor/Memorials

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Memory of

Hulda Albers
Sharon Bartz
Dale Buckhouse
Elaine Dahl
Betty Grohnke
Marilyn Hodek
Gerald King
Richard Kupitz
Millie Mahler
LeRoy Marohl



Vivian Meyer

Palma Rotnes

Bauer, Dorn, Freymiller & Mehrer Funerals

(Zion, Bismarck)

Janice Welte

Junette Willprecht



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Rosalyn Brockman's 70th B-day

Carol Debele

Bernice Kepmel's 90th B-day

Dianne Schlichtmann

Servant Resources

Sue Hartley, VP Servant Resources

The mission of the
Lutheran Women's Missionary League
is to assist each woman...
in affirming her relationship
with the Triune God
so that she is enabled to use her gifts
in ministry to the people of the world.

LWML Makes It Easy to Be a Leader

Ever wondered about a topic for your LWML meeting? need new skit ideas?

Did you know that after each national convention, the LWML office has a wonderful resource ready to go based on the current convention theme? The newest resource is titled, "Planning Made Easy - The work is done, so planning's fun!" It is a meeting and event planner for 2009-2011 based on the Look to the Hills - God Reigns. By following this theme, it will prepare our units for the North Dakota District Convention, based on this same theme which will take place in Bismarck in June 2010.

It's an investment (\$15) that you'll use over and over again.

Just a Reminder!

In May, the Zone Task Force committee sent a short survey to each of the LWML units in North Dakota. It inquired about each unit's honest thoughts on the current zone structure of the district.

We hope you have had the opportunity to complete the survey with other unit members at one of your recent meetings. If you have not already done so, please return the survey at your earliest convenience in the stamped, self-addressed envelope that was provided in the mailing.

If you did not receive the survey, please contact Sue Hartley at blessingspreserved@yahoo.com or 701-442-3409;

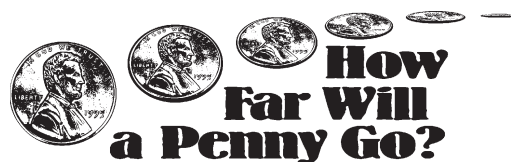
*Zone Task Force,
Valerie Biberdorf, Sue Corwin, Sue Hartley,
Kay Kreklau, Judy Luebke, Nikki Rahlf*

Mission Grants

Rhonda Hoge, VP Mission Grants

The mite goal of \$65,000 that was approved by the delegates at the 2008 convention is great, but can be accomplished! The end of this biennium is February 28, 2010--less than six months from now. We are on schedule to meet our goal, but we need to finish strong!

Thank the Lord for all He has given. Pray for willing hearts to excel in giving. Talk to your units and zones to consider giving an "extra" gift to mites. Pray for missions and missionaries that the name of Jesus may be praised everywhere by everyone!



Proposal Deadline

Our Mission Grant proposal deadline of **September 30** is fast approaching!

Do you know of a mission project that needs funding? It's time to write a Mission Grant proposal for your favorite mission. The form is available on the website at nd-lwml.org or by contacting Rhonda Hoge.

Please pray with me about who God would have submit grants by September 30. He uses all of us to do His work. Part of that work may be to submit an idea about whom we may share the gospel through a mission grant. May God **grant** us mission eyes, ears, and hearts!!



ND Retreat Registration Form
Chieftain Motel, Carrington, ND
September 11-13, 2009
"Outrageous Joy!!"

Name _____

Address, City, State _____

Email _____ Phone _____

(Please print clearly – For registration confirmation)

_____ \$60 registration fee – This covers retreat materials, all meals on Saturday and Sunday.

_____ \$50 (for YW's)

_____ \$50 registration fee - This covers retreat materials and all Saturday meals

_____ \$40 (for YW's)

Please indicate here if confirmation is desired:

_____ e-mail address _____

_____ by mail(to address above)

Health and Emergency Information

Do you have any health conditions (such as allergies, chronic conditions, etc), special circumstances, or medications that should be known about before any emergency treatment is given? Please list them:

Contact information – Please give the name of a relative to be contacted if necessary:

Name _____ Telephone _____

Relationship _____

Retreat

"Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior." Habbakkuk 3:17,18

Highlights

Friday - begins at 7 p.m.

Registration and an evening of fun planned by the YW's. Enjoy coffee, cold drinks and snacks as you become acquainted with friends and take part in the activities scheduled for the evening. Cafe Sola will once again be available for purchase.

Saturday

Begin your day with a delicious breakfast at the Chieftain followed by a day of Bible Study, presentations by Jan Struck, lunch, singing, activities by Nikki and Sue, banquet, Silent Auction items for Mission grants, white elephant game, talent show.

Sunday

Breakfast begins the day at the Chieftain followed by closing worship service.

Now is the time to be thinking about who you would like to bring along--a neighbor, a friend, your Mom, a sister, a daughter, a gal from church . . .

If you have not attended a Retreat before, this one promises to be very enjoyable and a spiritually refreshing time. If you have been to a Retreat before, you'll be glad you came again!!

You will need to make your own Motel Reservations. Contact the Chieftain Motel at 701-652-3131 before September 1. Reserve your room early - attendance is always high - make sure you mention you are with the LWML.

Single room (1 queen, 1 person) - \$46.95 + tax
Single room (1 queen, 2 people) - \$50.95 + tax
Double room (2 double beds, 2 people) - \$55.95 + tax

Double room (2 double beds, 3 people) - \$60.95 + tax
Double room (2 double beds, 4 people) - \$65.95 + tax

Please include health and emergency form with your registration!!

Join Us at Retreat! September 11-13

What to bring:

your Bible
your Joy and laughter
a friend, sister, mother, daughter
mite offering
ingathering items
a wrapped white elephant gift
basket for silent auction to support Missions Grants
skits, readings, props for your talent show performance

Ingathering

1. Sanitary pads for the young girls from Liberia. Pastor Freeman has indicated that the young girls are not able to go anywhere or attend school during their "time of the month" since they do not have sanitary pads available. What a wonderful way, we as women, have to show our love for these young women.
2. Baby items for young mothers who seek help from First Choice clinics in ND. These mothers have chosen to give life to their baby and often need the help offered to them by these clinics. Items must be **new** and include diapers, socks, t-shirts, burp cloths, rattles, chewing items, et., for children from infant to 13 months. Maybe your unit can sponsor a "Baby Shower" to collect items before the retreat.

Do you rejoice in everything God gives you? Psalm 100:1-2 tells us: "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!"

You won't want to miss this opportunity to do just that as Pastor Fenske and nationally known speaker and humorist, Jan Struck, show us how we can experience the fullness of joy that the Lord wants us to have in our lives..

Mail registration & check to:

Carol Kosel

PO Box 432

Ellendale, ND 58436

701-349-2615 or cjkosel@drtel.net

Make check payable to:

ND District LWML

Convention Highlights

Delegates to the 33rd Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) adopted a \$1.825 million mission goal for the 2009-11 biennium. It is the largest in the organization's 67-year history and will fund a record 19 mission grants.



More than 3,200 people attended the convention, held in Portland, Oregon on June 25-28 under the theme "Look to the Hills ... God Reigns," based on Psalm 121:1-2 and Isaiah 52:7.

The funds raised by the organization's 250,000 members nationwide over the next two years will be used to support the following mission grants:

- ❖ Defray Costs of Shipping Quilts by Lutheran World Relief - \$80,000
- ❖ Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Food Bank Relocation - \$50,000
- ❖ The Carpenter's Hands - Youth Refurbish Homes in Florida - \$26,000
- ❖ Psalm 69:14 Project - Emergency Disaster Aid in Texas, Oklahoma, & Louisiana - \$50,000
- ❖ Digitize Classes for Specific Ministry Pastor Program, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana - \$36,000
- ❖ 10 Chapels, Transportation, and Pastoral Training in Tanzania - \$88,000
- ❖ Body and Soul Care for Children in India - \$50,000
- ❖ LCMS Prison Ministry Provides Devotional Materials - \$50,000
- ❖ Lutheran Braille Workers Provide English Braille Bibles - Africa - \$100,000
- ❖ Kyrgyzstan Locals Trained for Evangelism - \$100,000
- ❖ The Hope Center for Refugees and Immigrants, Ohio - \$90,000
- ❖ Human Care & Pastoral Ministries Developed in Latvia & Lithuania - \$87,500
- ❖ Mission Support to Disabled Children - Dominican Republic - \$50,000
- ❖ Native Leadership Scholarships for Students Enrolled in Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology - \$100,000
- ❖ Humanitarian Care Outreach in Kazakhstan - \$90,000
- ❖ International Student Ministry Provides Bibles & Christ-Oriented Resources - \$30,000
- ❖ Earthquake Relief Aid & Church Plants in Peru - \$100,000
- ❖ Light of Christ Chinese Lutheran Mission - St. Louis - \$75,000

❖ Humanitarian Aid Opens Mission Field in North Korea - \$82,482

In his sermon during the convention's opening worship service, Rev. Dr. Warren Schumacher spoke about God's reign and the rain garden on the rooftop of the Oregon Convention Center that captures nine acres of falling water. "God does rain on us abundantly, but here it is usually softly, slowly, and tenderly. ... Turn your umbrella upside down and catch the blessings."

In her president's report, LWML President Janice Wendorf of Grafton, Wisconsin, challenged the attendees to make a commitment to be "In the Word, honoring a daily appointment with the Father and His Word; Of the Word, made over by the Holy Spirit, forgiven, and restored; Walking with the Lord, totally confident of Christ's presence in serving and living."

Bible study leader Dr. Mary Hilgendorf, Professor of Education at Concordia University Wisconsin, encouraged participants to look at women of the Bible with new eyes and shared her background as a pastor's daughter in Chester, Illinois.

In her keynote address, Ruth N. Koch invited convention attendees to join her on a virtual hike up the "Mountain of Change." She illustrated the importance of trying something new to welcome all women into the LWML.

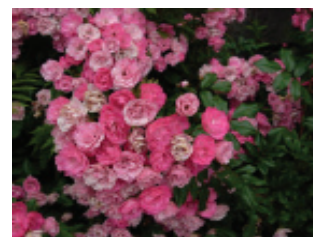
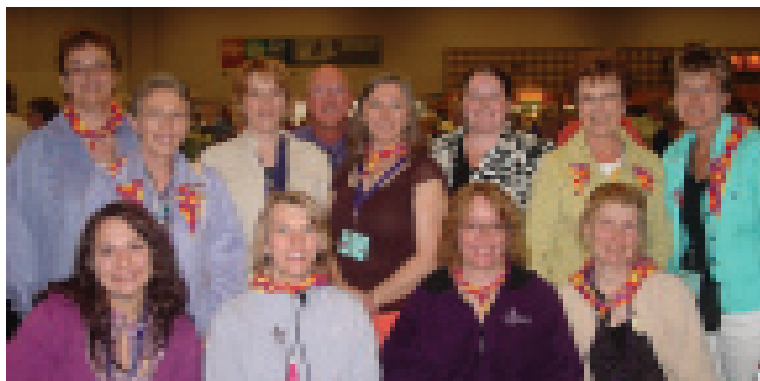
The 601 delegates also elected new officers to help lead the organization over the next four years. Elected for four-year terms were:

- ♦ Patti Ross of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Vice President of Christian Life
- ♦ Linda Arnold of Woodridge, Illinois, Vice President of Communication
- ♦ Marilyn McClure of Tucson, Arizona, Vice President of Gospel Outreach
- ♦ Judy Carlson of Paola, Kansas, Recording Secretary
- ♦ Rev. Kristopher Whitby of Arlington Heights, Illinois, Pastoral Counselor.

Newly-elected members of the Nominating Committee are Dianne Diekmann of Yankton, South Dakota, who will serve as chairman; Lois Ford of Eustis, Florida; Pam Kercher of Billings, Montana; Melody Rosenwinkel of Irwin, Idaho; and Marcia Wittenburg of Baker, Louisiana.

The convention featured processions with banners from all 40 LWML districts and the flags of 38 of the 50 countries where the LCMS has missionaries; activities for children and youth; a "Mission in Motion" pledge walk and exercise; inspiration from speaker Heidi Floyd, of the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer; presentations by Lutheran missionaries; and performances by singer Lauren Randall and the Pride of Portland.

Convention in Photos



Christian Life

In the last Messenger this column encouraged the generous use and sharing of the Portals of Prayer that appear in the entryways of our churches. Below is a summary of the many ways units throughout the district are involved in Christian living including the use of Portals of Prayer by units throughout the district:

All units have Bible studies at every meeting and some have other Bible studies in the congregation as well.

All units gather mites at every meeting and some give the congregation opportunities to participate in mites, too.

Mission grant recipients are featured in bulletins or newsletters.

Special events are planned to include non-members (salad suppers, mother-daughter teas, Saturday brunches, Valentine party, etc.)

Prayers are offered for others through prayer chains

Ministries of the LCMS are learned about and supported with prayer and financial support.

Many units are involved with quilt-making for charities, Shepherd's Hill auction, seniors from the congregation upon their graduation.

Care packages for members in active duty in the military.

Some provide Portals of Prayer for every household of the congregation. Most have them available in the narthex.

Most units have church libraries that include Christian books, children's Bible stories, various Bible translations, devotion books, tapes, CD's, DVD's....

Eunice Deitemeyer, VP Christian Life

Some units have a box of toys available for small children to use during Bible studies and meetings.

A few reported having "quiet" books or bags for small children to use during worship.

"My Devotions" and "Happy Times" are given to children by some.

Families with baptized children are remembered through Cradle Roll.

Used Bibles and Portals of Prayer are given to Prisons, missionaries, Orphan Grain train.

Many units lead devotions at nursing homes either weekly or monthly.

Students studying for church work receive financial aid from units.

Many units did bring guests or first timers to fall and spring rallies and the district convention.

Some units have celebrations, give gifts, or are prayer partners for confirmation students

How exciting it is to see what God is doing in ND through you! What a privilege we have to live in response to our wonderful Savior, to live in His love, and to share His love with others. Jesus lived the perfect Christian Life in our place and gave us the most precious gift we could ever receive - His sacrificial death and resurrection. We live our lives forgiven and robed in Christ's robe of righteousness! That's Christian life! "God who is rich in mercy made us alive in Christ." Eph. 2:4-5



Joy Cards

When you want to give a gift and don't know what to give, consider a gift to the LWML in honor of someone special for their birthday, anniversary, promotion, or to say thank you.

The North Dakota District LWML has established a Special Gifts Endowment Fund to receive gifts of money and property, either directly or through bequests under wills or trusts, to further the work of LWML.

Contributions may be made as a memorial, or to honor someone on occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, or simply the glory of God. Come up with your own unique way to PRAISE THE LORD.

"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

Colossians 3:16, 17 NKJV

FAT?!

FAT?

How many of us at sometime are or have been on a diet?

I would assume that each one of us has at some point in our lives. It may have been after the birth of a child or quite possibly for physical reasons.

But -- did you know that it's OK to be fat! Who would want us fat? It's our Father in Heaven, that's who. He wants us FAT.

That is:

F = Faithful to do His will

A = Available for His use

T = Teachable to learn His Word

Be faithful to the Lord even though everything seems to be falling into your lap. Is God possibly transforming you into a stronger and faithful follower?

Be available to God allowing Him to heal the burdens in your heart. This will free you to serve Him through LWML, or through His calling.

Be teachable by attending church and Bible studies. Our hearts need to be fed with His Word. Prayerfully, each of you that attended the national convention at Portland were fed with His Word and that you returned renewed and energetic to share that knowledge with your sisters in Christ.

Let's be FAT for our Heavenly Father.

(reprinted from Nebraska District North newsletter)

GOODSEARCH~AN INTERNET SEARCH ENGINE

Want to earn money for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League AND search the Internet at the same time? It's possible using GoodSearch!

Instead of "Googling" the next time you use a search engine, go to <http://www.goodsearch.com> and type "LWML" and select LWML St. Louis in the "I'm supporting" box. Each time a search is initiated, an estimated one cent is given to LWML.

This sounds like a small amount, but multiple searches by many people add up, and we KNOW how well our pennies add up! For example, if 1,000 women searched twice a day, LWML could potentially receive \$7,300 a year!

Tell your friends...

And Happy Searching!



Mentoring Wisdom

Mentor . . . Prayerfully seek a mentor who shows strengths in areas you are weak in and seek to mentor those who are weak in areas you are strong in.

Effective . . . Mentoring is effective if the mentor is committed to just a few mentoring relationships. If everyone reaches out to someone else, all will be encouraged.

Nurturing . . . Mentoring is for nurturing friendships, for support, guidance, love, encouragement and learning.

Tasks . . . Pair experienced workers with learners to complete group tasks.

Opportunity . . . Allow others the opportunity to learn and grow in service by delegating and mentoring instead of doing it all yourself.

Relationships . . . When you make mistakes in mentoring relationships, ask for forgiveness and learn from your mistakes.

Invite . . . Instead of assuming a newcomer knows about an event, personally invite her. It will make her feel special and may also make you aware of a need.

New . . . Try new things. Mentoring relationships may develop when other women are interested in learning a new skill.

God . . . The person God chooses for you to have a mentoring relationship with may not be someone who is in your usual circle of friends. Make an effort to meet new people.

From "Woman-to-Woman Mentoring" Bible study/retreat program, LWML catalog #11601

New LWML Products

If you already have the Liquid Cross Necklace, you are going to love the NEW Liquid Cross Earrings. These post style earrings are hand-made and each set is unique.

Two new clothing articles are the Ivory Blouse and the Shawl. The blouse is made of a washable silk blend and has front and back contour darts, 3/4 sleeves and cream on cream stitched LWML logo. It is available in sizes S-XXL. It sells for \$30.00. The Shawl is only available in limited quantities. It comes in several colors and has a lovely fringe.

Other new items will include LWML Note Pads. 10 pads will sell for \$10. Also new are LWML Labels (2"x3" and printed in purple ink). The labels are \$10/ 100 labels. Or share the Bedside Devotions - One of Each - 5 for \$1.00, 100 for \$15.00.

If you are a scrapbook fan, you will love the NEW Scrapbooking items. The LWML Scrapbook Kit includes 2 die cut designs and a lettering laser cut, along with 2 pages each of light purple and dark purple cardstock. Also included are one LWML Logo laser cutout and 2 sheets of LWML specialty paper. The kit cost \$20.00 Another scrapbook kit available is the Teen Scrapbook Kit available in an 8x8 inch (\$8.50) or in an 12x12 inch size (\$12.00). The set of these three Scrapbook Kits is \$32.00.

Visit <http://lwml.org/top/lutheran-women-in-mission-lwml-store.htm> to see the large variety of new items, close-out items and many available resources.

TIME...YOUR ENEMY OR YOUR FRIEND?

We see women of today trying to be everything they must be in this world of inflation – mother, wife, homemaker, carpooler, employee and cook – trying to stretch a 24-hour day to 35 hours. Yet we also see many women take time to serve the Lord in the church as Sunday school teachers, choir members, committee and board members.

When we thank God for His good gifts, we need to thank him for your gifts. Let's look at some Bible passages to help you see your gift of time in God's light.

On the flyleaf of your Bible write:

"Do I get upset over having so many things to do?"

Find and underline Luke 10:41-42.

Write on the bottom of the page: "I only have one thing to do."

Find and underline Philippians 4:19.

Write: "I have as much time as anyone else."

Find and underline Matthew 14:23.

Write: "I will set aside moments to be with my Lord."

Find and underline Luke 6:31.

Write: "I will respect others' time; it is God's time, too."

Find and underline: 1 Corinthians 10:31.

Write: "All my time belongs to God. Do all for the glory of God."

-Adapted from the Minnesota North District Newsletter

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19



District Convention 2010

Bismarck, ND

"Reign in my Heart" is the theme for the 34th Biennial ND District LWML Convention to be held June 18-20, 2010 at the Ramkota Inn in Bismarck. The theme is based on Deuteronomy 10:12, "And now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul."



The keynote speaker will be Dr. Mary Hilgendorf who serves as Director of the Women's Leadership Institute and Professor of Education at Concordia University Wisconsin. She was the Bible study leader at the Portland convention.

The mission speaker is Melissa Salomon who works with the sister to sister program.

The entertainment will be Tangled Blue during the Friday evening reception and also on Saturday evening.

So, mark your calendars for June 18-20 and plan to join your sisters and brothers in Christ from around the district for a good time!

NOTICE TO UNIT TREASURERS!!

Please remember to send mites and other monies to the financial secretary:

Myra Axtman
819 Mannhaven
Hazen, ND 58545

Society members:

Please be sure your treasurer receives this message!



Caution -- Committee at Work

There are six women working the phones and email lines, all for the sake of finding NOMINEES!



Who is a NOMINEE?

A nominee can be any LWMLer who has Jesus written on her heart to keep her hands busy in service - someone who wants a challenge. She can do much of the work right from her own phone and computer, but she will also experience the joy of working with other elected officers and appointed personnel in meetings to accomplish LWML goals and have fun while doing it.

What NOMINEES are needed?

The committee is seeking candidates to serve a four-year term for each of these offices:

Recording Secretary

Financial Secretary

Vice President of Christian Life

Vice President of Servant Resources

Junior Counselor - the last 2 years they are Senior Counselor

We are also seeking one candidate from each zone to serve on the Nominating Committee. The individual with the highest votes will serve as the chairman.

Pray about this and if you feel God's "nudge" in that direction, talk to SOMEONE else and encourage her to pray about it as well.

The following is a synopsis of each office's job description. For more information, please ask for a detailed description to be sent to you.

Recording Secretary

- ❖ attends all ND LWML Board meetings
- ❖ records minutes of the Board of Directors
- ❖ emails copies of minutes of BOD meetings
- ❖ maintains list of voting members of the BOD
- ❖ record District Convention proceedings
- ❖ keep accurate up-to-date records, as needed

Financial Secretary

- ❖ attend all ND LWML Board meetings
- ❖ receive all monies and deposit them in a financial institution approved by BOD
- ❖ keep an itemized account of all receipts
- ❖ transfer all monies received to District Treasurer
- ❖ supply units in the District with remittance blanks and

- with Mite Boxes for offerings
- ❖ be a member of the Special Gifts and Bequests fund committee
- ❖ submit financial reports to the BOD meetings and for District convention



Vice President of Christian Life

- ❖ attend all ND LWML Board meetings
- ❖ encourage active participation in, and provide materials for, spiritual growth programs
- ❖ plan the spiritual growth program of the District convention with the approval of the BOD
- ❖ plan and lead the District Retreat with the help of the Junior Counselor

Vice President of Servant Resources

- ❖ attend all ND LWML Board meetings
- ❖ provide materials and training to enable members to increase skills for leadership in LWML
- ❖ conduct workshops, seminars, and training sessions for the BOD, Zones, and others as requested
- ❖ serve as an advisory committee for the Young Women's Representative(s) selected by the BOD

Nominating Committee Chairman -

Each zone chooses someone to run for this position. An election is held and the nominee with the most votes is elected as chairman.

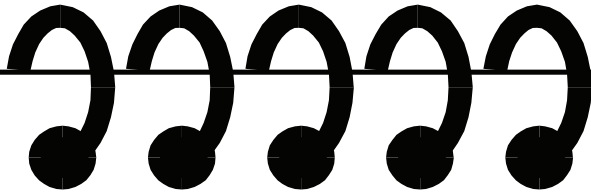
- ❖ attends all ND LWML Board meetings
- ❖ obtains nominations for offices and Pastoral Counselors
- ❖ ensures that nominees are eligible according to our bylaws
- ❖ submits slate of nominees to the board, prepare ballot for convention, maintain contact with all nominees

Pastoral Counselor -

- ❖ attends all ND LWML Board meetings
- ❖ advises the president and committees as needed
- ❖ prepares and presents Bible studies, devotions, and prayers as requested
- ❖ attend other District LWML workshops and retreats as requested
- ❖ assists in and/or prepares worship services, installation of officers etc.
- ❖ serves as the doctrinal and theological review person

How to become a NOMINEE?

Contact your own Zone President or Nominating Committee Chairman, or Janet Bauer, at 3603 29th Ave S. Moorhead, MN 56560 - Phone 218-233-8877 or cell 701-640-8754.



Rallies Fall 2009

Zone	Date	Location
Central	October 10	Zion, Ellendale
Eastern	October 10	Beautiful Savior, Fargo
Northeast	Only meet in Spring	
Northwest	September 26	St. Mark's, Minot
Southeast	October 17	Redeemer, Lisbon
Southwest	October 10	Shepherd of the Valley, Bismarck

Make plans today to attend a Zone Rally this spring. If you cannot attend the one in your zone, consider getting a group together and visiting another zone. Many new and exciting items will be on your agenda! Some of these dates are subject to change—check with your zone president

Watch for Report Forms

Soon it will be time to recap the happenings of 2009 and to begin planning for 2010. May you be guided and encouraged in all you do by your loving Lord and Savior so that you may be an encouragement to others and love and build each other up in the Lord. May His peace, joy, love, forgiveness, patience, endurance, hope...abound in the endeavors of each LWML unit no matter what size.

Complete the forms that you will soon receive from Human Care and Christian Life and share what your unit is doing. It may give other units new ideas when planning their program for the new year.



LWML Sunday

The first Sunday in October is the Celebration Sunday for LWML, which is October 4 this year. However, the materials can be used at your church on any Sunday.

Materials for 2009 were recently sent to all congregations to help plan your congregational worship service for LWML Sunday. Contact your pastor and help him order these materials to make this a special day of celebration.

LWML Sunday author is Rev. Dr. Warren Schumacher.

To ensure you receive your LWML Sunday materials in time, be sure to place your order by September 1.

Suggested LWML Sunday celebration activities include:

- Order *Mustard Seeds* hand out to each attendee
- Order Mite Boxes to encourage mission grant support
- Order Children's Mite Boxes for all children of your congregation. Ask the children to return their boxes on Mite Sunday or at their Sunday School Christmas service then give them an LWML piece of candy and a Thank You sticker. Mail a check for the total collection to: Kids Helping, LWML, PO Box 411993, St. Louis, MO 63141-1993.
- Have LWML members serve as ushers, wearing LWML purple apparel
- Ask your pastor to have a processional including the LWML Sunday 2009 Banner, LWML ushers and greeters
- Hand out LWML pencils or pens



Linked in Prayer

Continue to join with LWML'ers across the country to pray each Monday at noon (or whenever you are able) for our national and district officers and mission projects.



If you would like to receive specific national and district prayer requests, you may ask your zone president to share with you, or you might like to be part of our district E-Prayer chain. Contact Sue Corwin at scorwin@ndfu.org or scorwin@csicable.net.

Christian One-Liners



*Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited - until you try to sit in their pews.

*You are in the driver's seat, but God is holding the map.

*When life knocks you to your knees, pray there.

*The best mathematical equation ever seen: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given

*God is like Scotch tape. You can't see Him, but you know He's there.

*I am too blessed to be stressed and too anointed to be disappointed!

*Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

*"Pray" is a four-letter word you can say anywhere - except in public schools.

* The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between your knees and the floor.

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MISSION GRANTS 2008-2010

Project	Amount Budgeted	Amount Paid	Balance
North Dakota Full-Time Church Worker's Scholarships	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$10,000
Orphan Grain Train - ND Division	\$7,500	\$7,500	- 0 -
Project 24	\$5,000	\$5,000	- 0 -
ND District LCMS Missions starts in S. Fargo & N. Bismarck	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
ND Lutheran Braille Work Centers	\$5,000	-0-	\$5,000
Food & Clothing Co-op for Fort Wayne Seminary	\$5,000	-0-	\$5,000
Deaf Institute of Theology *	\$2,500	-0-	\$2,500
Total	\$65,000	\$37,500	\$27,500

*Partial funding

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—Hodge Podge—

- Remember the LWML with *your* memorials or honorariums. If you are in need of "Joy Cards", contact Myra Axtman
- Are you looking for your mite calendars? They are now available on our ND LWML website (www.nd-lwml.org). *If you need copies sent to your units, you will need to contact Kathy Huettl to have a copy included in your mailing!!!*

—LOOKING AHEAD—

- **Board of Directors Meetings:**
November 14 - Carrington
- **2009 Fall Retreat:** Sept. 11-13 @ Chieftain in Carrington
- **ND District Conventions:**
June 18-20, 2010: In Bismarck, Ramkota Inn "Reign in my Heart"

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