

Official Call to Convention!

Members of the North Dakota LWML: this newsletter is your official Call to Convention! *“Reign in My Heart”* is the theme for our convention and our theme verse is *“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.”* Deut. 10:12.

Delegates to our convention will have voice and vote. Guests to our convention will be able to enjoy hearing our speakers, participating in the Bible study, visiting the displays and the fellowship.

Please join me and the women of the Southwest Zone in Bismarck at the Ramkota Inn on June 18-20, 2010 as we let Jesus *“Reign in My Heart”* through worshipping together, serving others through the servant events, and studying His Word. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Serving with Gladness,

Sue Corwin

North Dakota LWML President

MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS 2010-2012

MG 701--\$5,000

Missionary Setup Fund for Lutheran Bible Translators

Goal: To facilitate the missionaries settling in as quickly as possible so that the work of providing the people with the Good News of Jesus Christ in their own language can get under way,

Needs: Locating suitable housing for the missionary family will require preparations of the home including furniture, appliances, water filtration systems, and a well.

Additional information: Missionaries cannot begin their work without first having housing, safe drinking water, and electricity. Often this requires the installation of a water system or solar panels. It is important to get missionaries set up as quickly as possible so that they can get to the task for which they were sent, to help the people have God's Word in their own language.

WHEREAS: The Great Commission of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ commands us to reach out to all nations; and

WHEREAS: Lutheran Bible Translators is the only Lutheran organization whose purpose is to help bring people to faith in Jesus Christ by making the Word of God available to those who do not yet have it in the language of their hearts; and

WHEREAS: Lutheran Bible Translators is a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS; and

WHEREAS: Lutheran Bible Translators works in partnership with and under the sponsorship of Lutheran organizations around the world and especially with LCMS World Mission; and

WHEREAS: Lutheran Bible Translators desires to make the Word of God available to more people by providing housing for missionary couples;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2010 Convention of the ND LWML grant \$5,000 to Lutheran Bible Translators' Missionary Household Setup Fund.

MG 703--\$4,000

Food Bank @ Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis

Goal: To provide basic grocery and personal care items for seminary students and their families at no cost.

Needs: At this already financially critical time, preparing for future service in the Lord's mission to Church and world would be extremely challenging without the Food Bank. Over 50% of seminary students are married and most of these couples have children under the age of 18. Counting students, spouses and children, the Food Bank is visited by nearly 500 people each month. On average each family saves \$400 per month due to the benefits of the Food Bank. To manage without this blessing would be a serious hardship to the welfare of the families.

Additional information: By granting \$4,000, you will help feed approximately 14 men, women and children per month. The Food Bank offers students the opportunity to shop at no charge twice per month for grocery items. Several local congregations donate actual food items, but most of the support is maintained through monetary donations. All of the actual work of stocking shelves, sorting and organizing the items is performed by Food Bank Coordinators, students, their family members and other volunteers from the seminary and LCMS congregations around St. Louis.

WHEREAS: In Matthew 9:37-38, the Lord Jesus Christ tells us, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field;" and

WHEREAS: The Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Food Bank serves the grocery and personal care item needs of nearly 500 pastoral and deaconess students along with spouses and children who must obtain loans to pay for their education and formation ministry costs as well as additional household, automotive, medical and food costs; and

WHEREAS: The Food Bank requires funds to cover day-to-day operational costs that allow for food and personal care items for students and families; and

WHEREAS: Concordia Seminary's administrators wholeheartedly support the Food Bank but seek help to finance its operational costs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ND LWML in convention in Bismarck, ND in June 2010 grant \$4,000 to the Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Food Bank.

MG 704--\$6,000

Grace Place Lutheran Retreats for ND LCMS Church Workers

Goal: To underwrite the cost of participation in the Grace Place program for workers from the ND District and so to offer preventative wellness skills, attitudes and resources to our Lutheran professional church workers and leaders and their families so they can carry forth the Gospel message of salvation in Christ and live and serve His people abundantly in body, mind and spirit.

Needs: As a practicing physician for over 30 years, Dr. John Eckrich has observed firsthand the stress factors that affect workers in the church. He describes them as a group of “compassionate caregivers” who have a difficult time saying no and who rarely take time to address their personal health needs. It is ironic that as pastors and other professional church workers strive to help their members, they often neglect to care properly for their own body, mind and soul—and their families.

Additional information: Grace Place is a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS, working in harmony with LCMS World Mission, Commission on Ministerial Growth & Support, Congregational Health Ministries, Concordia Plan Services and other entities of the LCMS. All board members and employees are LCMS members in good standing. The actual cost is about \$2,000 per couple and the retreats are held in regional settings across the country each year. Grace Place to date has held 100+ retreats, benefiting over 2,500 church workers and spouses. The ND District office has seen a lot of stress across the District and is interested in assisting in the selection of pastors and professional church workers for the retreats.

WHEREAS: Jesus Christ has called each of us to an abundant life, a life in which each of us can serve the Lord joyfully and vigorously with all the gifts and skills He has given us, so that we may bring people to Christ and glorify God (Mark 12:30); and

WHEREAS: Church workers are care-givers whose vocational and personal lives revolve around giving care to neighbors, yet so often in our 21st century culture, few if any, care for the care-givers; and

WHEREAS: These workers are on the front lines of helping people deal with stresses and how, especially, these stresses are magnified exponentially with the recent financial/economic situations facing many of these workers and the people they strive to serve and help; and

WHEREAS: Grace Place is focused on keeping healthy church workers and leaders (pastors, teachers, DCEs, church musicians, parish nurses, church staff) healthy—physically, emotionally, relationally, fiscally and spiritually; and

WHEREAS: Grace Place offers 12-19 retreat opportunities each year in locations across the country, where objectives are met through a carefully developed and systematically presented curriculum focusing on preventive health strategies and integrated wellness, with training and resources presented in all areas of health and reinforced through the one-year post-retreat online learning module; and

WHEREAS: Grace Place is a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS working in harmony with synod’s Commission on Ministerial Growth & Support, Congregational Health Ministries (World Relief and Human Care), Concordia Plan Services and other entities of Synod; and

WHEREAS: Many Lutheran church workers do not have the financial capability to pay for a Grace Place retreat themselves (at the average cost of \$2,000 per worker/couple) and Grace Place seeks donations and underwriting for retreat expenses;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ND LWML in convention grant \$6,000 to provide underwriting for at least six ND District professional church workers and spouses if applicable to attend a Grace Place Lutheran Retreat.

MG 705--\$5,000

Pregnancy Help Services

Goal: To enhance FirstChoice Clinic’s capability to provide the most vulnerable expectant mom with state of the art ultrasound equipment, well-trained nursing staff and support and education they need to ensure the health and well-being of their baby.

Needs: FirstChoice Clinics (FCC), located in Fargo & Devils Lake, are medical pregnancy help clinics which provide health services and education to individuals who are experiencing an unexpected pregnancy. In 2008, FCC had over 2200 client contacts. Devils Lake, a city bordered by three Native American tribes, has the state’s largest population of out-of-wedlock pregnancies and is considered a “distressed community,” based on its high unemployment rate and number of children living in poverty. FCC is in preliminary stages to plant another clinic in western ND as funding becomes available.

Additional information: As a faith-based clinic, FirstChoice is able to share the love and forgiveness of Christ with clients and to reassure them that they are not alone. We are forecasting a significant increase in client numbers in the next few years. This will require additional nursing hours to be spent with these new clients. Some of the many services FCC offers free of charge at both locations are pregnancy testing and counseling, ultrasound exams performed by registered nurses, medical cessation counseling—a program helping sexually active teens to abstain from premarital sex, Earn While You Learn program—well-train professionals work with clients throughout their pregnancy in class and one-on-one

mentoring to ensure clients continue to make the right choices for their physical and emotional health, and educational classes in parenting, adoption, fatherhood and marriage education. The agency currently has 5 part-time nursing staff and 10 professional volunteers (sonographers, physicians, social workers, etc.).

WHEREAS: Our Lord is the loving creator of **each child and we acknowledge**, “You knitted me together in my mother’s womb—I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139:13-14), FirstChoice Clinic is determined to change the hearts and lives of the clients that walk through our doors by sharing education and medical resources empowering them to make a life-affirming decision; and

WHEREAS: The services offered by FirstChoice Clinic are a means to share God’s love, grace and forgiveness to individuals dealing with an unplanned pregnancy; and

WHEREAS: The need for life-affirming pregnancy help services continues to grow across North Dakota; and

WHEREAS: Providing on-going resources for clients dealing with an unplanned pregnancy via our professional registered nurses and parent educators is vital to the ministry established;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ND LWML in convention in Bismarck, ND in June 2010, grant \$5,000 for the on-going pregnancy help service associated with FirstChoice Clinic, enabling the clinic to provide education and medical resources to individuals dealing with an unplanned pregnancy. FirstChoice acknowledges that God is the Lord of life and each life is precious to Him; we want to share this with every client that walks through our doors.

MG 706--\$7,500

Orphan Grain Train—ND Division

Goal: To provide food, clothing, medical supplies and God’s Word to those in need.

Needs: Hurricane, flood, tornado, fire and drought victims who have suffered great losses in the US. Also the destitute people of Russia, Latvia, Liberia, China and Mexico. Warehouse expenses—heat, electricity, insurance. Costs to maintain vehicles—gas license, insurance. Costs to ship containers of clothing and food.

Additional information: OGT--ND Division was organized in 1993 and is funded entirely by contributions from individuals. Eight to twelve volunteers work at the warehouse each Friday, another volunteer handles the finances, another publishes a newsletter and other volunteers help with transportation.

WHEREAS: The Orphan Grain Train was born over seventeen years ago in loving response to Christ, the Servant, to encourage and enable God’s people to share personal and material resources in bringing Christ’s name and character to needy people both far and near; and

WHEREAS: Many thousands of Christians have joined in this great endeavor—there are now nineteen divisions across the US, sending to date over 1500 twenty ton containers valued at well over \$75 million and forty of these containers have been sent from ND; and

WHEREAS: The OGT is meeting the needs of destitute people in Russia, Latvia, Liberia, Mexico and other countries around the world and also hurricane, flood, tornado and fire victims in the US who have suffered great losses of lives and property and rural families in ND who face crisis situations; and

WHEREAS: Rev. Sam Freeman has established a ministry around Monrovia, Liberia, bringing the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ through worship, two Christian schools, a clinic and an orphanage, as well as supplying material resources for the people’s physical needs; and

WHEREAS: The efforts of the OGT continue by giving gifts of food, clothing, medical supplies and God’s Word to those in need;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ND LWML in convention in Bismarck, June 18-20, 2010, grant \$7,500 for the work of the Orphan Grain Train—ND Division; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ladies of the ND LWML continue to support the ministry of the OGT with their personal involvement and fervent prayers so that the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ may be spread in word and deed throughout the world.

MG 707--\$4,000

Production of Large-Type Materials

Lutheran Blind Mission

Goal: To assist the work center at Zion Lutheran Church in New Salem, ND with purchasing the supplies needed to produce large-type materials for Lutheran Blind Mission.

Needs: Paper, spines, envelopes, etc.

Additional information: The work center at Zion in New Salem is the only mission in the LCMS that produces Scripture calendars and magazines in large print that are provided to readers at no cost. The annual large-type costs are \$13,600. The dedicated volunteers at Zion produce all of the Scripture calendars. It is truly a labor of love!

WHEREAS: The Great Commission of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ commands us to reach out to all at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS: In today's world there are more than 55 million blind and visually-impaired children and adults, and that most of them have never heard the Good News that Jesus loves them; and

WHEREAS: Lutheran Blind Mission produces our Scripture calendars and the LWML Quarterly in large type at the work center at Zion Lutheran Church in New Salem, ND; and

WHEREAS: The calendars present an annual Biblical theme with each month presenting a Scripture verse relating to the theme and serve as an outreach tool for Lutheran Blind Mission, a partner with LCMS World Mission in the Ablaze!

Movement, to enable visually-impaired people to hear and share the Good News of Jesus; and

WHEREAS: Lutheran Women in Mission are part of "...a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God," that are "to declare the praises of Him who calls us out of darkness into His wonderful light;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ND LWML assembled in convention in Bismarck, ND on June 18-20, 2010, grant \$4,000 to Lutheran Blind Mission to assist in purchasing the needed supplies of paper, spines, envelopes for the work center at Zion Lutheran Church in New Salem, ND and for other work centers around the country that produce large-type materials for visually impaired people so that they too can see Jesus.

MG 708--\$3,000

Christ the Way

Goal: To spread the Word of God via this radio ministry started in 1929 in Fargo, ND and now located in Jamestown, ND.

Needs: Radio air time, tapes, and postage.

Additional information: This is an on-going ministry, offered 52 weeks per year on Sunday mornings. The only staff is the Program Director, Stan Erlenbusch. Approximately 25 pastors are involved in providing the messages to the large rural and shut-in listening area. This is the only LCMS radio ministry in ND and is supported solely by donations from listeners and church congregations.

WHEREAS: Our Lord Jesus has instructed us to go and make disciples of all nations, to teach them and to proclaim His Word; and

WHEREAS: Christ the Way proclaims God's Word to many in the community who are not able to attend a worship service and do not have a home church;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ND LWML in convention in Bismarck, ND on June 18-20, 2010, grant \$3,000 to Christ the Way for the cost of air time on the radio and for tapes to record the messages.

MG 709--\$2,000

Everyone's Child—Bibles for Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch

Goal: To provide study Bibles to the youth in the Spiritual Life Program at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch for use in their search for and relationship with Jesus Christ.

Needs: Many of the youth that come to the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch have little or no involvement with Spiritual Life prior to coming to stay on campus. When they are given the chance to learn more about Christianity and Christ, they often have no Bible, and since Bibles are critical in the study of Christianity, the program provides them.

Additional information: The funds will be used to purchase about 60 study Bibles and 55 picture Bibles. The program at the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch is based on LCMS doctrine and has been for its 58 year history. The pastors and vicars involved in the programming and supervision are LCMS. Since there is no state or federal funding available for religious materials, the Spiritual Life Program must rely on donations and funds from private foundations like LWML.

WHEREAS: In Ephesians 6:4 it is written, "Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord;" and

WHEREAS: Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch (the Ranch) is a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS and a necessary mission field in ND that has already worked with thousands of at-risk youth and their family members across 36 states in the Ranch's 58 year history and continues to work to help at-risk children and their families from across ND to overcome personal challenges and bring them to know Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS: The need for study and picture Bibles to help bring these at-risk youth to know Jesus Christ during Bible study groups and individual sessions is critical to getting HIS message to these children; and

WHEREAS: The Ranch continues to provide Spiritual Life groups and training to youth as part of their programming and the funds that support this programming must come from the Ranch donor family and private foundations to continue to spread HIS Word;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ND LWML assembled in convention in Bismarck, ND in June 2010 grant \$2,000 to Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch for the purchase of Bibles for the residents to facilitate children coming to know the teachings of Jesus Christ.

MG 710--\$3,000

Equipment for Deaf Mission Training

Goal: To reach the deaf in North Dakota by means of the internet with Bible studies, worship and the training of Bible and worship leaders.

Needs: Purchase camera, laptop and projector to broadcast Bible studies and worship. Funds to train worship and Bible study leaders.

Additional information: There is no outreach to the deaf using the internet technology in the ND area. We will be joining Lutheran Deaf Mission to expand outreach to the deaf in ND by partnering with LCMS pastors, workers and deaf people to train them to lead the Bible studies and worship in sign language so deaf people can participate via web camera on their own computer.

WHEREAS: God wants all people to be saved and come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS: 98% of deaf people do not believe in Jesus; and

WHEREAS: God is empowering the deaf leaders to go and make more disciples; and

WHEREAS: God is opening doors through technology to train deaf leaders to spread the Gospel; and

WHEREAS: This grant will provide equipment needed to reach and train thousands of deaf people in the ND area; and

WHEREAS: The need is great to equip more deaf leaders through in-depth training so they may effectively witness to the saving message of Jesus Christ and to strengthen these deaf leaders in their faith and skills;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ND LWML meeting in convention grant \$3,000 to purchase equipment to use the internet in training more deaf leaders to continue the work of Lutheran Deaf Mission.

MG 711--\$1,500

Grace Lutheran School—Laptop Projectors

Goal: To purchase two projectors for use in religious instruction, worship and to help Grace Lutheran School attract more students so that they can be taught the loving message of Jesus Christ.

Need: 2 projectors

Additional information: If a Lutheran school is to attract and keep students, it must offer a high level of technology along with the Christian education. Most area schools have this, but we can use them to teach about Christ. The projectors can be used in chapel and the classroom.

WHEREAS: Our Lord Jesus Christ used many tools and surroundings to reach the children and adults around Him; and

WHEREAS: Students are becoming more visual in the way they learn; and

WHEREAS: Technology and the use of video and powerpoint can be a very effective tool to enrich the Christian education of students; and

WHEREAS: Grace Lutheran School is seeking to attract more students from the Fargo-Moorhead community; and

WHEREAS: The use of technology is very important in the decision-making process of parents searching for a school;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ND LWML in convention in Bismarck, ND in June 2010 grant \$1,500 to Grace Lutheran School for the purchase of two projectors.

MG 712--\$2,500

Project Vietnam (Vietnam Day Care)

Goal: To show God's love to Vietnamese villagers by providing a safe place for their children to go while they work in the fields.

Needs: Two early childhood centers need updated facilities (kitchen, clean drinking water, and toilets), food for their children, training for the staff regarding hygiene and nutrition, and administration to make the project run smoothly.

Additional information: The LCMS World Mission's work in Vietnam is considered a "Matthew 25" ministry since it focuses on human care in addition to the Great Commission in Matthew 28. Because Vietnam's laws prohibit organized evangelistic programs, we are only able to share the Gospel in the context of relationships we build through the child care centers. The annual budget for two child care centers is \$30,900 which includes staff training in nutrition and hygiene, food, and construction of kitchen, toilet and clean water.

WHEREAS: Micah 6:8 says, "He has shown you, o man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with you God;" and

WHEREAS: LCMS World Mission works in partnership with the National Institute of Nutrition (NIN), a Vietnamese governmental organization, and has already had success in bringing the rate of child malnutrition in poor villages from more than 60% to less than 1%; and

WHEREAS: NIN supports Early Childhood Centers (ECC) in rural areas that help parents and children by providing a safe place for children to stay while their parents work in the fields; and

WHEREAS: ECC staff members are in a unique position—they can teach the children about hygiene and nutrition so the children can in turn teach their parents; and

WHEREAS: NIN staff partnering with LCMS World Mission personnel, know why they are serving the people of Vietnam, and encourage ECC staff and families to talk with LCMS personnel about their service;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ND LWML grant \$2,500 to support two Early Childhood Centers, providing nutritious food, clean water and necessary construction to show God's love to families with young children in Vietnam.

MG 713--\$2,500**Missionary Kids' Education**

Goal: To provide funds for the cost of missionary children's education at schools around the world.

Needs: There are currently 59 missionary kids in school while their parents serve the church. They range in age from elementary school through college. Education costs for the 2009-10 school year were approximately \$46,500 (college grants were \$4,000).

Additional information: Missionary children need quality education while they are in the mission field that prepares them for re-entry into the American school system. LCMS World Mission provides educational resources that best fits each missionary family—home-schooling, international schools, GEO missionaries that teach the missionary children right where they are and boarding schools in the US or international.

WHEREAS: Missionaries and their families are called to serve God and His people around the world; and

WHEREAS: There are currently 59 missionary kids in school while their parents serve the church, and they range in age from elementary school through college; and

WHEREAS: Missionary kids learn in a variety of settings, from home-schooling to English-speaking international schools, to public schools in the local language, to Christian boarding schools; and

WHEREAS: Missionary kids often live in a "third culture" that is made up of American ideas and traditions in combination with the local culture; and

WHEREAS: Missionary kids need to be well prepared educationally for entry or re-entry into an American school system and American culture;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ND LWML grant \$2,500 to provide funding for missionary kids' education where needed most throughout the world.

MG 716--\$5,000**Martin Luther School Tuition Assistance**

Goal: To raise funds for the tuition assistance/scholarship fund for Martin Luther School in Bismarck, ND.

Needs: Our tuition assistance help for families is limited to the funds we have available in savings. If more funds were available, we could offer more assistance and teach more students about Christ.

Additional information: Martin Luther School is the only LCMS school in the Bismarck area. Students at Martin Luther School daily hear of the love God has for them and the message of salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ. Tuition for one student (2009-10) is \$2850 per year. While we do receive assistance from our Association Churches, the cost to educate a student far exceeds the cost that parents pay. We must rely on donations and gifts such as this grant from LWML.

WHEREAS: The Bible states that we are to "train up a child in the way he should go;" and

WHEREAS: Martin Luther School exists to assist parents in educating their children in the ways of the Lord, as well as academics; and

WHEREAS: The cost of tuition per student is less than the actual cost of education per student; and

WHEREAS: Tuition assistance can help Martin Luther School in its mission to reach more children and their families;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ND LWML in convention in Bismarck, ND in June 2010 grant \$5,000 for the tuition assistance/scholarship fund for Martin Luther School in Bismarck, ND.

MG 717--\$6,000**North Dakota Lutheran Braille Work Centers**

Goal: To produce Christian Braille books for the sight impaired around the world so the gospel can be shared with all people.

Needs: Assist with the cost of special weight paper, shipping cartons, binders and tape needed to produce and ship Christian Braille books.

Additional information: The need for Braille books exceeds the production of them. The most recent figure is that there were 180,000 unfilled requests. Each Braille center is staffed by volunteers to produce Christian publications like hymnals, Bibles and devotionals in English and many other languages.

WHEREAS: The Lord directs us to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all nations; and

WHEREAS: Blind people around the world need the Gospel available in Christian Braille to be able to read about Jesus and know Him as their Lord and Savior; and

WHEREAS: The Lutheran Braille Work Centers provide Christian Braille Books free of charge to blind people around the world to have access to the Gospel of Christ who otherwise may not have the opportunity to read about Jesus; and

WHEREAS: North Dakota has three Lutheran Braille Work Centers located in Hazen, Bottineau and Williston (Montana District) that participate in this mission outreach; and

WHEREAS: The Lutheran Braille Work Centers produce Christian Braille Books with the help of donations that pay for the costs of the special weight paper, covers, binders, shipping cartons and tape needed to produce and ship the Braille books;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ND LWML in convention in Bismarck, ND on June 18-20, 2010 grant \$6,000 to help cover the cost of materials used by the ND Lutheran Braille Work Centers to produce Christian Braille books that are sent around the world.

MG 718—\$35,000

ND Full-time Church Workers' Scholarships

Goal: To aid ND students with the financial costs associated with attending schools, colleges and seminaries in order that they may train to become full-time church workers.

Needs: The need for full-time church workers is great as we strive to follow our Lord's command to spread the Good News of Jesus' love to the world. The cost of education continues to escalate and is often a burden for those who desire to serve the Lord.

Additional information: The funds will be distributed by the ND LCMS District office according to their financial aid schedule. Approximately 15-20 students from ND attend LCMS schools each year pursuing a career in full-time church work—pastors, teachers, DCEs, etc.

WHEREAS: North Dakota youth and adults who desire to be educated and become full-time workers in God's kingdom in the LCMS should be encouraged and aided as they serve the Lord; and

WHEREAS: Christ, in His Holy Word, has commanded us to go into all the world to teach and proclaim His message of salvation; and

WHEREAS: The cost of higher education continues to escalate and become a financial burden for those students; and

WHEREAS: Students from North Dakota attending LCMS universities and seminaries will share the money from this grant;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ND LWML in convention in the year 2010 in Bismarck, ND grant \$35,000 to be used in the financial aid program that the North Dakota LCMS District office in Fargo has in effect for full-time Synodical students.

MG 720--\$10,000

ND Mission Starts

Goal: To further the work of our Lord in fast-growing areas of the North Dakota District LCMS by financially supporting the called mission planters.

Needs: Salary, benefits, housing for mission start pastors.

Additional information: The North Dakota District LCMS has committed \$30,000 per year for each mission start for five years. This grant would help ease the commitment of the District, freeing funds to be used in other areas. It is exciting to begin new ministry within our District—Crosspointe Lutheran Church in Fargo is up and going and interest has been shown in Bismarck, Grand Forks, and in the oil fields of western North Dakota. The funds from this grant are paid to the ND District LCMS office in Fargo for administration.

WHEREAS: It is the command of our Lord Jesus to spread the good news of salvation; and

WHEREAS: We need to reach out with Word & Sacrament ministry to those far and near; and

WHEREAS: A new mission church in Fargo has a called pastor and other areas of ND are in the discovery process; and

WHEREAS: The ND District LCMS has committed \$30,000 per year for the salary and benefits of each mission planter over the course of five years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ND LWML in convention in Bismarck, ND in June 2010, show continued support of the ND District's new mission starts by granting \$10,000 over the next biennium, thereby advancing the work and kingdom of the Lord.

MG 722--\$2,500

Crosspointe Lutheran Church Sunday School Curriculum and Easter/Christmas Outreach

Goal: Building ministry and sharing the Gospel with the unchurched in southwest Fargo and the new members at this mission start.

Needs: Purchase two years of Sunday school materials and prepare outreach materials/advertising and special programs for Easter and Christmas services.

Additional information: Crosspointe is a mission congregation with limited resources. The average attendance at the Sunday worship service is about 100. We use a great Sunday school curriculum that is especially helpful in newer, smaller churches where multiple ages are in the same class. It allows for the kids to remain active and build relationships with one another as they learn from God's Word about His love for them in Jesus. Two years of materials would cost about \$1,200.

We make extra efforts at Easter and Christmas that are especially geared to the unchurched families and individuals who may desire to attend on one of those holidays even if they are not regular attendees. There are still many unchurched people in southwest Fargo who we need to reach with information about our LCMS church, but especially about their loving Savior Jesus Christ. Printing outreach materials and planning special activities are costly.

WHEREAS: Our Heavenly Father has instructed us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to everyone and has asked that little children be brought to Him; and

WHEREAS: Crosspointe Lutheran Church is a necessary mission field in a newer neighborhood with many unchurched families and individuals; and

WHEREAS: Crosspointe makes an effort at Christmas and Easter to reach out and invite the unchurched who may desire to attend on one of those holidays even if they are not regular attendees; and

WHEREAS: Crosspointe has already drawn new members to the church and to Sunday school; and

WHEREAS: Bible-based materials vastly expand the Christian knowledge and faith of our children;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ND LWML in convention in Bismarck, ND in June 2010 grant \$2,500 to Crosspointe Lutheran Church for Sunday school materials and special outreach at Christmas and Easter.

Mission Grants Proposed but not Recommended at this Time

MG 702--\$5,000

LCMS Joint Seminary Fund

MG 714--\$3,600

LCMS Campus Ministry Training

MG 715--\$4,000

Shepherd's Canyon Retreat Ministry

MG 719--\$3,000

Chaplaincy "Techno Care"

Anne Carlsen Center

MG 721--\$3,000

The People's Diversity Forum

MG 723--\$5,000

Trinity/HOPE - Feeding Children in Lutheran Schools in Haiti

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PROPOSED DISTRICT LWML BYLAW CHANGES - to be voted upon on June 19, 2010

Rationale: To add the Committee for Young Women as a standing committee under the Vice President of Servant Resources.

Existing bylaws read:

If adopted, will read:

ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 5

The Vice President of Servant Resources shall:

- f. prepare a report for the Board of Directors' meetings and for the District Convention;
- g. perform additional duties as listed in the District Leaders Manual and as requested by the President.

- f. serve as an advisor to the Committee for Young Women;
- g. prepare a report for the Board of Directors' meetings and for the District Convention;
- h. perform additional duties as listed in the District Leaders Manual and as requested by the President.

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Rationale: To give structure to the Committee for Young Women.

Existing bylaws read:

If adopted, will read:

ARTICLE XII - STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1

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Committee meetings may be called by the chairman with the approval of the District President.

Section 7

- a. The Committee for Young Women shall consist of three (3) or more members of which one shall serve as chairman of the committee. Members shall serve for a term of two (2) years and be eligible for reappointment to one (1) consecutive term.
- b. The members of the Committee for Young Women shall:
 - 1) be appointed from at least three (3) zones;
 - 2) be between the ages of 18 to 35 when appointed;
- c. The Committee for Young Women shall:
 - 1) encourage spiritual growth in young women;
 - 2) create and provide ideas, techniques, and resources to encourage young women to participate in LWML programs and activities;
 - 3) plan and coordinate special LWML programs for young women;
 - 4) serve under the Vice President of Servant Resources;
 - 5) perform additional duties as listed in the District Leaders Manual and as requested by the President.

“If proposed amendments are adopted, the Bylaws Committee requests permission to re-number and re-letter sections to account for deletions and insertions and make any necessary spelling and typographical corrections.”

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Rationale: *To clarify who may submit mission grant proposals to the North Dakota LWML District.*

Existing bylaws read:

ARTICLE XV - MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS

Section 1

Mission grant proposals shall be submitted in resolution form to the Vice President of Mission Grants at least six (6) months prior to the District Convention. Proposals may be submitted by individuals, societies, units, zones, or the North Dakota LCMS District Board of Directors.

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Rationale: *To bring the North Dakota District bylaw in alignment with National bylaws.*

Existing bylaws read:

ARTICLE XX - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the proceedings of the District LWML in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are consistent with these bylaws, applicable law, and Christian charity.

If adopted, will read:

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If adopted will read:

ARTICLE XX – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the proceedings of the District LWML in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the LWML Bylaws, applicable law, or Christian principles.

Biographies of Nominees for District LWML Offices

NOMINEES FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE



Kathleen (Kathy) Cziok [pronounced “Chuck”]

Home: south Fargo

Home Congregation: Grace, Fargo

Offices: SS Teacher, Board of Education, SS Superintendent, Board of Evangelism

LWML Offices:

Unit – Christian Growth, VP, President, Circle Chair

District – Christian Growth Committee, Nominating Committee Chair

Community Involvement: Serve meals at Churches United for Homeless

Personal: BA in Elementary Education; BA in DCE Youth Work; Elementary Lutheran School Teacher; currently para educator in special education; Married to Curt, stepson Jason, 2 dogs [Baxter & Beans]

Favorite Bible Verse: Hebrews 12:1-2

“What does LWML mean to me?”: Spreading the love of Jesus



Dorothea (Dottie) Sincebaugh

Home: south Fargo

Home Congregation: Grace, Fargo

Offices: SS Teacher, SS Superintendent, Stewardship Committee

LWML Offices:

Unit – Circle Chair, Secretary, VP, Program Chair, Christian Growth Chair, President

District – Zone President, Member Development, Bylaws, Parliamentarian, President

National – District President, Member Development Committee, Human Care Chair

Community Involvement: Relay for Life Team Captain

Personal: BA Degree from Concordia, Seward; Elementary Lutheran School Teacher for 25 years; widow; 3 children, 6 grandchildren

Favorite Bible Verse: Jeremiah 29:11

“What does LWML mean to me?”: LWML gives me opportunities for spiritual education, growth in faith, and service to others.

Through the LWML I am able to reach out with the Good News of Christ to others. The fellowship, love, and care of my LWML sisters is an important part of being in the LWML. With my LWML sisters, I have the opportunity to use the talents and abilities the Lord has given me to serve Him.

NOMINEE FOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR SERVANT RESOURCES



Eileen Larson

Home: west Bismarck

Home Congregation: Bethel, Fargo

Offices: Building & Finance Committee, SS Superintendent, Christmas Program Director, Bible Study Leader

LWML Offices:

Unit – Society Secretary for six years

District – Young Women Sub-Committee Member, Convention Co-Chair 2010

National – Young Woman Representative to Tampa

Community Involvement: Table Leader for Mothers of Preschoolers [MOPS] group

Personal: AAS Degree from Aakers Business College; currently stay-at-home mom & student; married [Tim], 3 sons [Layne, 7; Brenden & Logan, 3]

Favorite Bible Verse: 1 John 4:19

“What does LWML mean to me?”: It means loving & worshipping my God with other Christian women.

NOMINEE FOR RECORDING SECRETARY



Rita Kaeding

Home: Devils Lake

Home Congregation: St. Peter, Devils Lake

Offices: Financial Secretary, Parish Secretary, Mission & Stewardship Committee

LWML Offices:

Unit – VP, Christian Life Committee

District – NE Zone Secretary, NE Delegate to Tampa, District LLL Secretary

Community Involvement: Devils Lake Elks Community Band member

Personal: BS Degree in Math Education, MS in Career & Tech Education; currently High School Math Teacher; Son Carl [29] married to Kate, grandson Tanner [3]; Son Eric [27] married to Ashley, grandson Elijah [7 mos]; Daughter Jennelle [19]

Favorite Bible Verse: Galatians 5:22-23

“What does LWML mean to me?”: LWML gives me the opportunity to praise and thank God for everything He has provided to me by helping spread the Gospel worldwide.

NOMINEE FOR FINANCIAL SECRETARY



Sharon Kroepelin [pronounced Crow-pleen]

Home: Hope

Home Congregation: Trinity, Hope

Offices: SS Teacher, Altar Committee

LWML Offices:

Unit – President, VP, Treasurer, Christian Growth

District – Mission Grants Committee

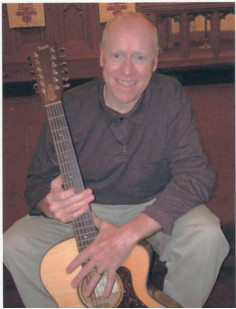
Community Involvement: Township Clerk, Volunteer for American Cancer Society, Advisory Board member for the Hope Area Endowment Fund

Personal: some college work; currently farmer; Married to Ken for 38 years, 3 grown married children [Shane, Kimberly, & Shannon], 8 grandchildren

Favorite Bible Verse: Joshua 1:9 [“one of my favorite”]

“What does LWML mean to me?”: I am so proud to be an LWML member. The mitey mites have helped a lot of people.

NOMINEE FOR PASTORAL COUNSELOR



David K. Suelzle [pronounced Sillz –lee]

Home: south Fargo

LCMS Offices:

Ordination & Congregations served – Ordained at St. Paul, Minot on June 13, 1982. Served Zion, Hay Springs, NE, from July 1982 – October 1986; St. Matthew, Hazen, ND from November 1986 to November 2008; currently at Grace, Fargo.

District – LWML Zone Pastoral Advisor in NE 1984-1985 and in SW Zone of ND District in late 80's & 2005-2008. Served on Evangelism Committee of the Wyoming District. Served on District Lutheran Open House Mission Committee in 1989-1990. Served as LYF Pastoral Advisor in the SW Zone for a number of years in 1990's. Served on the District Division of Youth Ministry from 1993 to present. Director of ND District Youth Encounter Camp from 1989-2006.

Personal: BA Degree in Psychology from Concordia University, St. Paul, MN; MDiv Degree from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO; Married [Rhonda]; son Mike [27], presently in 4th yr @ Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO, married to Beth, is an elementary school teacher, grandson [Joshua, 18 mos], baby due in August; son Dan [26] is serving vicarage in Little Rock, AR, married to Mary, who is serving Deaconess Internship at same congregation; granddaughter Norah [6 mos].

Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 46:10; Romans 8:38-39, and a ton more!

"What does LWML mean to me?": I have enjoyed my involvement with the LWML during the 28 years of ministry in which the Lord has given me the privilege to serve. LWML is an excellent fellowship, bringing together women who have been gifted by the Holy Spirit in many ways to reach out with the love of Jesus locally, nationally and internationally. I praise God not only for their dedication to mission work but also for their service to the saints in their local congregations in so many ways!

NOMINEES FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR [ONE FROM EACH ZONE]



Carol Kosel

Home: Ellendale

Home Congregation: Zion, Ellendale [Central Zone]

Offices: Financial Secretary, SS Mission Leader, SS Teacher, VBS Craft Leader, Directed Reformation Play 2 yrs.

LWML Offices:

Unit – Christian Life Chair, Mite Box Treasurer, Public Relations Officer, Banner Committee

Zone – Human Care Committee, Central Zone VP

District – Christian Life Committee (2006-2010); Helped Plan Fall Retreat; Made Convention Banners for national and District LWML Conventions

Community Involvement: Served on Ellendale's 125th Anniversary Committee; Helped write and edit Anniversary History Book, served as a member of Ellendale's Walk of Fame Committee

Personal: BS Degree in Education from UND-Ellendale Branch; currently retired secondary teacher working as Church Secretary at Zion, Ellendale; though never married, I think of myself as having hundreds of children as a teacher for 34 years. I have taught in Beach, Sykeston, and Park River, ND. I think my greatest teaching experience was teaching Bible classes at the Developmental Center in Grafton many years ago. The residents in my class reminded me each week of God's love and their simple yet complete trust in Him. I love quilting reading, cooking and gardening.

Favorite Bible Verse: My confirmation verse: Isaiah 41:10. This verse reminds me that God is my righteous right hand. This verse reminds me that God is in charge and no matter what happens in my life I can trust in Him always.

"What does LWML mean to me?": LWML allows me to share my faith with my fellow sisters in Christ, to serve the Lord in ways that I otherwise might not have the opportunity to do and to develop a wonderful group of Christian friends.



Ruth Walsh

Home: north Fargo

Home Congregation: Grace, Fargo [Eastern Zone]

Offices: Financial Secretary, VBS Director, SS Teacher

LWML Offices:

Unit – Circle Chair, Christian Growth, President

District – Recording Secretary

Personal: Graduate from Concordia, Moorhead; currently church secretary at Grace; married [Gerald (Jerry)]; four children: Sean [23], Carolyn [21], Jeff [18], & Nate [16]

Favorite Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13

"What does LWML mean to me?": LWML is an opportunity to serve the Lord by supporting missionary work around the world and at home.

Judy A. Ill [no picture available]

Home: Cavalier

Home Congregation: Our Savior, Cavalier [Northeast Zone]

LWML Offices:

Unit – President, Vice President, Secretary, Christian Growth

Community: Meals on Wheels President

Personal: High School Graduate; currently homemaker; married for 45 years [Carlton]; Son Paul, Son Tim, Daughter Julie, seven grandchildren

Favorite Bible Verse: Romans 8:28 [my confirmation verse]

"What does LWML mean to me?": An organization that enables me to gather with my Christian friends to serve our Lord's people.

Susan Hiatt

Home: Bottineau

Home Congregation: Our Saviors, Bottineau [Northwest Zone]

Offices: SS Teacher, Congregation Secretary, Fellowship Committee

LWML Offices:

Unit/Zone – Secretary, President, Zone officer

District – LWML Store Manager, Zone Representative at national Convention

Personal: Graduate from UND as Paralegal; currently Mission Support Specialist for US Border Patrol; married [Rick]; daughter, Alison, Son Matt

Favorite Bible Verse: Jeremiah 29:11

"What does LWML mean to me?": A Mission-minded organization working to bring all women into faith through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.



Phyllis Lentz

Home: Lidgerwood

Home Congregation: Immanuel, Lidgerwood [Southeast Zone]

Offices: care of communion ware

LWML Offices:

Unit – President, Secretary, Christian Growth

District – Zone President, Christian Growth, Nominating Committee; have attended many retreats in Carrington

National – Have attended 13 national conventions

Personal: Graduate from Concordia, Moorhead as a teacher; currently farm widow; four married children with 9 grandchildren

Favorite Bible Verse: 1 Peter 5:7

“What does LWML mean to me?”: LWML is my way of returning God’s love by working in so many ways like studying God’s Word, quilting, serving food, and whatever is needed.



Paulette Huber

Home: south Dickinson

Home Congregation: Redeemer, Dickinson [South west Zone]

Offices: Board of Education (organized 2 adult retreats, SS/VBS Teacher and Music; Jr/Sr Choir Director, Soloist & organist as needed

LWML Offices:

Unit – Christian Life, Secretary, VP, President

District – Servant Resources Committee member, SW Zone President, VP of Mission Grants

Community: Music Boosters, DSU Choral Union (Community Choir), Soloist for various events (weddings, funerals, etc.)

Personal: BS Degree from Dickinson State in Vocal Music (English minor); graduate credits during teaching profession; currently Elementary Music Specialist for Grades K-5, 5th Grade band; married for 35 years [Paul]; three children: Allison [31-married], Jesse [28]; & Josh [24-married] – all work in Mpls. area

Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 121; Galatians 5:22

“What does LWML mean to me?”: Being a part of a group that is very mission-minded and wanting to bring “the lost & erring into eternal fellowship with Him!” I love the Christian bond shared with LWML sisters through Bible study, prayer, working together, & sharing the faith. A bond through Christ that will last forever! (I love seeing how God multiplies our mites!)

Another Convention Feature:



Our Young Women Delegates to the Portland Convention are excited to present their reports from the national convention during June of 2009. Sarah Stahlecker [pictured on the left] is from Immanuel, Fargo and Amy Gullett [center] is from Bottineau [President Sue is pictured on the right.] We are so proud of our YWRs. You won't want to miss their presentation on Sunday morning (June 20th)!

CONVENTION AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

Friday, June 18

11:00 AM – District BOD meeting begins @ Ramkota
 12:00 PM – Convention Registration begins @ Ramkota
 1:00 – 4:00 PM – Servant Events @ Ramkota & community
 3:00 PM – Check-In to Rooms begins @ Ramkota front desk
 4:00 PM – Delegate Meeting begins @ Zion
 5:00 PM – Choir practice begins @ Zion

6:00 PM – Registration concludes for evening @ Ramkota
 5:00 – 6:30 – Foods from the Bible Meal served @ Zion
 7:30 PM – Worship Service begins @ Zion
 later - Young Women & Teens meet with Tangled Blue @ Ramkota

Saturday, June 19

6:30 – 7:45 AM – Breakfast served in Lamborn Room
 7:00 AM – Single-Day Registration begins
 7:30 AM- 5:30 PM – Daycare open for registered children @ Noah's Ark Daycare
 8:00 AM – Processional begins @ Dakota Ballroom
 Business & Mary Hilgendorf
 Noon – Teens Meet at Exit #3 (near Lamborn Room) to go on outing with Pastor Fenske)
 12:30 PM – Lunch served in Lamborn Room
 (Young Women eat with Judy Carlson in another room)
 1:30 PM – Baby Quilt Procession; Business & Melissa Salomón & Judy Carlson
 5:30 PM – adjournment for the evening
 7:00 PM – Meal begins in Lamborn Room
 8:00 PM – Tangled Blue Concert in Dakota Ballroom
 later – Young Women & Teens meet with Melissa Salomón

Sunday, June 20

6:30 – 7:45 Breakfast served in Lamborn Room
 8:30 AM - Meeting Re-convenes
 Business & YWR Presentation
 ?? – Sunday Worship begins in Dakota Ballroom
 12:00 PM – Convention concludes

Questions @ Convention? Find a worker, who will be wearing a purple stole with gold embroidery (lovingly made by Darcy Fitch).

