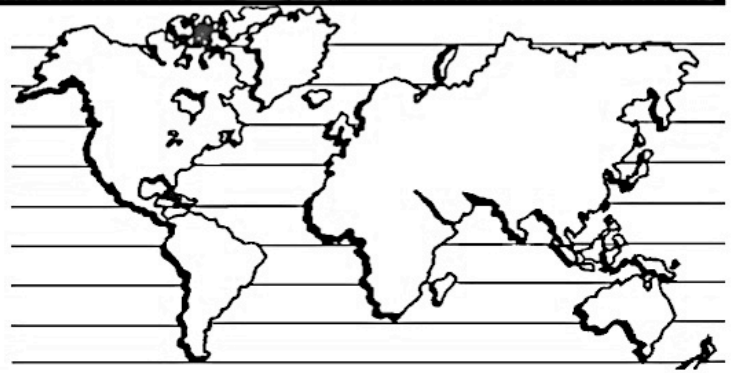


# The Messenger

News for Women in Mission



April/May/June 2011

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

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

*The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod 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 Convention: June 23-26, 2011

*"They realized that they had been with Jesus ... 'For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.' - Acts 4:13b and 20 (NKJV)*

### CONVENTION INFORMATION

Registration forms are available in the Winter 2010 Edition of the *Lutheran Women's Quarterly* and on the national LWML website. Registration officially opened on March 1, 2011. Note that there will be a ND Caucus and photo on Thursday evening of the convention.

**TRAVEL:** We will be joining with MN North District and traveling with them on a bus from Moorhead, MN to Peoria, IL and back again. The cost for traveling by bus will be \$90.00 - \$150.00, depending on the number of North Dakota ladies riding. Departure is from Moorhead, MN at 5 AM on Wednesday, June 22nd. **Please inform**

**President Sue if you would like to travel by bus.**

You may also wish to contact Marie Johnson ([cmjohnson2007@gmail.com](mailto:cmjohnson2007@gmail.com) or 701-220-6386) if you'd like to ride in the Hazen church van from western ND to Moorhead.

**LODGING:** To ensure availability at one of the convention hotels, reservations must be received by **May 20, 2011**. There are a couple of rooms available with the ND delegation. **Contact President Sue immediately if you wish to fill these few spots!**

We are excited to announce the selection of our district's two *Young Women Representatives* to the Peoria Convention: Marie Johnson and Olivia Tyrell. Kira Hartman-Judson and Stacey Simonson will attend as alternate young women representatives, too. Consider inviting one of these ladies to speak to your unit meeting sometime this next year.

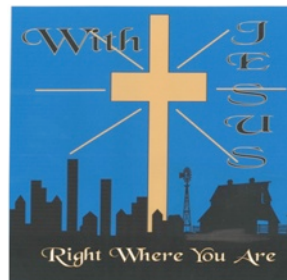
Your *Gifts from the Heart* will be given to agencies in the Peoria area and Orphan Grain Train. Convention participants may bring these items in unlimited

quantities. Please bring your gifts with you when you register at the civic center and place them in the receptacles provided. **NO MONEY WILL BE ACCEPTED** for *Gifts from the Heart* at the convention. (If Spanish literature is included, please label "Spanish" on the bag.) **CHECK District or national WEBSITE for instructions for each type of item/kit**

- Quilts
- New Bath Towel/Hand Towel/Washcloth
- Men's, Women's, and Children's Underwear in the Original Packaging
- New Children's Picture Bibles (English) or Arch Books
- Kits – Men, Women or Children

++Even if you cannot attend convention this time, you can send a care package along with someone who is attending.

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**NOTE THE DATE CHANGE:**

*ND District LWML Convention dates are now:*

**June 24-26, 2012**

*(Sunday evening through Tuesday morning)*

District Convention Co-Chairmen are:  
Lynne Drees & Gloria Bethke. Look for more information in the next few months!

## President's Thoughts:

It has been a long winter and everyone is looking forward to spring and the warmer weather and things beginning to grow again. The trees and flowers have been resting and will soon be waking up to provide us with beautiful flowers and trees with their leaves.

The snow provided us with some beautiful pictures during the winter but now we are ready to see the beautiful things of spring that God has created for us. As the snow melts and the temperatures warm up we begin to see flowers peeking out of the ground. I noticed the other day the tulips have begun to peak out of the ground. We also see the birds return for the summer and know that soon we will be warming up and things will become new. Jesus suffered on the cross for us so that we may be given a new life in Him. He died on the cross and rose again so that we may have forgiveness and eternal life with Him forever. Romans 6:4 says "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." As we enjoy the new life that comes in the spring we remember all that Christ did for us and thank Him for the new life that he has given to us.



May you enjoy the new life that comes with spring and thank God for the new life He has given us in our baptism and for sending Jesus to die for our sins and rising again for us so that we can enjoy our new life in Him. Serving with gladness, Sue Corwin



+**YOUNG WOMEN'S RETREAT** was March 18-19, 2011 in Bismarck, with the theme "Serve Wholeheartedly as if You Were Serving the Lord". See the district website for some photos.

"Flat Jan" has visited North Dakota!



A life-size likeness of our national LWML President arrived at our District Board of Directors meeting in March. Here are some of the photos from the Jamestown meeting. This is the link to all the articles on the national page: [http://www.lwml.org/missions/flat\\_jan/region-north.php](http://www.lwml.org/missions/flat_jan/region-north.php) The article and pictures will be added to our own website ([www.ndlwml.org](http://www.ndlwml.org)).

## DISTRICT DATES!!

- +Next *District BOD Meeting* is November 12, 2011.
- +Next newsletter deadline is June 29, 2011.
- +**ZONE FALL 2011 RALLIES**  
2011 Fall Rally Theme is "Delighted to Share", based on 1 Thessalonians 2:8.

Central: October 1st – Zion, Edgeley

Eastern: October 15th – Immanuel, Fargo

Northeast: *no fall rally*

Northwest: October 8th – St. Mark's, Minot

Southeast: October 8th – Immanuel, Lidgerwood

Southwest: October 1st – Bethel, Bismarck

+*District Women's Retreat:*

**SAVE THE DATES**  
**FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT**  
**SEPT. 16-18, 2011**  
**CHIEFTAIN MOTEL, CARRINGTON, ND**

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Make your reservations now for the 2011 Fall Women's Retreat. The theme of the retreat is "Fear Knots? Or 'Fear Nots'" (Me...A Missionary). The theme is based on 2 Corinthians 9:12 – *This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people, but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.* Special Guest, Maggie Karner of LCMS World Relief and Human Care will share with us her experiences providing assistances at disasters in New Orleans, Haiti, Madagascar and other places. The goal of the retreat is that the women will be inspired to make efforts to do mission work wherever they are.



A "Helping Hands Workshop" will be the Sat. afternoon activity. The women will have the opportunity to watch demonstrations and participate in various projects that will be shared those in need.

Friday night fellowship and Sat. evening White Elephant Game and Talent show will also be part of our weekend. Plan now to be a part of this great event. Watch for registration information coming soon.

Make your reservations now at the Chieftain Motel or Carrington Inn and Suites. Rooms have been reserved for those attending the retreat and will be held until August 27, 2011.

Chieftain Motel : 701-652-3131

Carrington Inn and Suites: 701-652-3982

### *Nominating Committee Looking for Candidates for 2012 Convention!*

Maybe by the time this is printed, spring may have finally sprung! As chairman of the Nominating Committee, I would like to announce that we are ready to "spring" into action as well. We pray that God would plant the seeds of desire in many women to serve in the ND LWML and that they would grow into the candidates that our Lord would have consider the call to serve. We pray that He would water them with His Word and Sacraments to grow in His love and understanding of mission service so that they will accept the candidacy with confidence and assurance that the Lord will guide them as they bloom into leadership positions if elected at the 2012 convention in Grand Forks next summer.

Please pray for potential nominees for the following positions: President; VP of Mission Grants; VP of Human Care; VP of Communication (a newly added office, in the case of a bylaws change); Treasurer; Pastoral Counselor. Nominees must be ND LWML members, must have held an office in their society or zone, and nominees for president must have served as a voting member of the ND LWML BOD prior to being nominated for president.

The nominating committee members are: Paulette Huber, Chairman; Carol Kosel, Ruth Walsh, Judy Ill, Susan Hiatt, and Phyllis Lentz. Even though the convention is a year away, it is time for us to acquire names possibly at Zone Rallies, by e-mail, or any other way the Lord may use. Please join our committee in praying for the right people to blossom into the candidates for our beloved ND LWML. Please help us "spring" into action to find the person in the "season" of their life, rooted and ready to serve and shine for Him!

**Paulette Huber**, Nominating Committee Chairman

### *FOCUS ON: Archivist/Historian*

What is an archivist? What is a historian? Aren't they the same? An archivist is one who takes care of the archives. The archives are the material saved that is of historical significant. It is the task of the archivist to appraise all materials for the archives. For the archivist it is: when in doubt "save". An item can be discarded later but not recalled. The historian writes the history. The history should be succinct, including the who, what, where, when and why of the story.

Each day you are writing a history. God at work in your life today. In Psalm 90 we read: *"May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children. May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us...yes, establish the work of our hands."*

Church history is the documented record of the works of our Savior as He worked though out the past, as well as now in the present. Church history serves as the carrier of our tradition.

How we remember our Lutheran Women's Missionary League's past not only reflects current attitudes, it actually shapes them. All past events are interesting to the Christian for in them he recognizes the hand of God at work. Many societies were organized around specific functions, such as Altar Guild, Sewing Circles, or the more general, Ladies Aid. Women saw needs or were told there was a specific need and worked toward filling those needs. That is still the case for the members of the LWML. "We serve the Lord with gladness, wherever and whenever He has need of us".

Our history is always changing; it is important to document the things we do in the service to our Lord. I encourage societies to keep accurate up-to-date histories.

The best time to write your history is now! So if you don't have an archivist/historian in your society find someone who will be willing to keep records and each year pass on the information to you Zone Archivist/Historian who in turn passes on the important history of your Zone to me. It then becomes part of the history of the North Dakota District LWML. In time, your grandchildren, great grandchildren, and others may read about what you and your LWML did to serve the Lord in North Dakota.

So, *do* your history. *Write* your history. *Live* your history. And *Praise the Lord* for His working in your life.

Nikki Rahlf, ND District LWML Archivist/Historian

### *News from national office:*

#### LWML Disaster Support Opportunities for Japan

"Women of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) want to respond to the needs created by the recent disasters in Japan," said LWML President Janice Wendorf. "Lutheran Women in Mission from across the nation are looking for opportunities to support and to „do something" for the Japanese people. "Some of these immediate disaster support opportunities include:

Orphan Grain Train is ready to begin shipping humanitarian aid into Japan as soon as security measures are in place in that country. For "hands on projects" go to [www.ogt.org](http://www.ogt.org) and click on Special Projects. There are instructions for making and shipping Mercy Kits to their warehouse to be used as needed in Japan as well as in other countries. Donations to help with the cost of shipping the relief supplies to Japan are also welcome. Click Donate Now on the home page, or mail your donation to: Orphan Grain Train, PO Box 1466, Norfolk, NE 68702-1466

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Quilts and Kits provide essential items that families need to survive in the days and weeks following a disaster. A generous and quick response will ensure that LWR has the quilts and kits needed for Japan. For more on assembling these quilts and kits, get started by visiting [www.lwr.org/beinvolved](http://www.lwr.org/beinvolved). Be sure to check their "Ingathering Map" to find an LWR drop-off location near you this spring. Visit the LWR website for further information on how to

support the people of Japan with cash gifts to meet immediate and urgent needs.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod President Harrison has announced that the LCMS is sending \$200,000 to two Japanese Lutheran church bodies and encourages prayer and financial support for those suffering in Japan. The Japan Earthquake Relief "help page" — located online at [www.lcms.org/help](http://www.lcms.org/help) — offers a variety of information and resources. If you wish to donate to the LCMS relief effort you may follow the instructions on the home page of the LCMS website.

### *ANNOUNCEMENTS from the DISTRICT*

#### *District Mission Grants Proposals Request*

++If you have a passion for a mission that could benefit from a District LWML mission grant, then complete a form which is located on the district website. VP of Mission Grants, Rhonda Hoge, is ready and willing to receive your proposals! Deadline is September 30, 2011.


#### *Searching for designers:*

++The ND District Board of Directors is searching for a designer of a new masthead (top of page 1) for this publication, *The Messenger*. We'd like a more "North Dakota" look to our newsletter. Please submit your entry (at least 200 pixels resolution) via e-mail to the Editor or through the District website by June 10th. Of course, the BOD will make the final selection.

#### *Important ND LWML Addresses:*

++Please send your **Mites**, *Quarterly* payments (**remember the subscription rate is now \$5.00 per year for over 10 copies per address, \$6.50 per year for less than 10 per address**), and newsletter quantity changes to our Financial Secretary, **Sharon Kroeplin**. Address and Officer changes should be sent to Communications Sub-committee member, **Debbie Larson**. Addresses are on the district website: [www.ndlwml.org](http://www.ndlwml.org). Thank you.

### ND District LWML Mission Grants 2010 – 2012

Mission Grant		Amount Budgeted	Amount Paid	Balance as of 3-31-11 (halfway through biennium)
Orphan Grain Train – ND Division		\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0
ND Full-time Church Workers' Scholarships		\$35,000	\$21,000	\$14,000
Everyone's Child – Bibles for Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch		\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Pregnancy Help Services – First Choice Clinic		\$5,000		\$5,000
Food Bank at Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis		\$4,000		\$4,000
Martin Luther School Tuition Assistance		\$5,000		\$5,000
ND Mission Starts (*Partial Funding)		\$8,500		\$8,500
<b>Mission Grants – Total Goal</b>		<b>\$67,000</b>	<b>\$30,500</b>	<b>\$36,500</b>