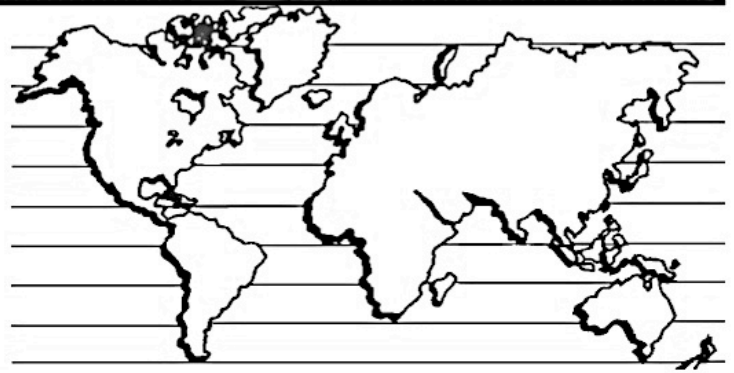


The Messenger

News for Women in Mission



July/August/September 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.

2011 national LWML Convention Highlights

In case you haven't yet heard, we are proud to announce that our very own **Kay Kreklau** has been elected (national) **LWML President for 2011-2015!** Please keep her and her family in your daily prayers. She will need every bit of God's blessings that we can send her way!



We are sad to report, though, that Pastor Jenks will not be a national counselor. The close vote went to the other pastor. So, Kay will be our lone elected officer on the national executive committee. Thank you, Pastor for your willingness to serve. We love you in North Dakota!

Check out the national website (www.lwml.org) for photos of the convention proceedings. Because of Kay's election, many feature her lovely face. Nikki Tyrrell and her daughter Olivia were featured in a photo for the entire convention body - in the Saturday "Peoria Playbill" newsletter (<http://www.lwml.org/conventions/2011-peoria/docs/daily-newsletters/peoria-playbill-saturday-rev.pdf>)! Photos featuring North Dakotans include:

Thurs. evening prayer service #8; Thurs. Misc. #4; Saturday #50, #51, #52; Sunday #7 & #21; Face of LWML, Thurs. morning #29; Hot Seat #4, #16, #17, #18. The pictures of all 40 district banners (including #24 - ND) are also on the national website (<http://www.lwml.org/gallery3/>).

Here's a little reminder to ask your **zone delegate** [Central - Karen Puffe; Eastern - Bonnie Krenz; NE - Janet Olimb; NW - Shirley Hall and Margaret Hall; SE - Phyllis Lentz; SW - Myra Bitterman]; and/or our district's two **Young Women Representatives** (Marie Johnson and Olivia Tyrrell) to

speak to your unit or zone meeting this coming year. Let them help to inspire your ladies!

Your **Gifts from the Heart** were given to agencies in the Peoria area and Orphan Grain Train. Thanks for your generosity!

The **Mites Goal** for the 2011-2013 biennium of **1.825 million dollars** was adopted at convention. Help to make this goal a **fulfilled goal - start today!** Remember, 75% of all ND contributions stay in ND for district grants (see last page for district update.)

Register **NOW**

FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT

SEPT. 16-18, 2011

CHEFTAIN MOTEL, CARRINGTON, ND



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.

Retreat Highlights:

Friday, September 16, 7:00 PM - ??: Registration – Fun and Fellowship – Coffee House with Young Women

Saturday, September 17: Breakfast buffet – Singing – Devotions – Bible Study – Speaker Maggie Karner – Helping Hands Workshop – Banquet – White Elephant Game – Variety Show – Fun & Fellowship with LWML Sisters

Sunday, September 18: Wrap up of Helping Hands Project, Closing Worship, Farewells...

Registration information and forms are on the district LWML website: www.ndlwml.org. Mail registration and check to: Kathy Cziok 1641 3rd Ave. S Fargo, ND 58103 Phone: 701-235-8766 E-mail: ckfgoers@msn.com

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

ND District LWML Convention dates are:

June 24-26, 2012

(Sunday evening through Tuesday morning)

NOTE THE DATE CHANGE! The primary reason for this change is to reduce the hotel room cost at the CanadInn in Grand Forks. District Convention Co-Chairmen are: Lynne Drees & Gloria Bethke. The theme is "With Jesus... Right Where You Are" (Micah 4:2b,5b). Look for more information on the website and in the next Messenger!



President's Thoughts:

This spring and summer has been a very difficult time for many people throughout our state and nation. We are told in I Peter 5:7 "Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you."

When we are facing anxious moments we remember that God is with us and promises to be with us as he says in Matthew 28:20b: "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." We know that we can go to God in prayer and He will take care of everything that we need.

When we are facing those uncertain times we know that God works all for our good. At the time we may wonder; but then we look to God and know that He is there with us, seeing us through it all. He carries those burdens for us. He tells us in Philippians 4:6 "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank Him for all He has done." God provides times for us to serve by helping those who are in need of help with various things. We remember to help when those opportunities are provided. He sent His Son to serve us by dying on the cross for our sins so that we may have eternal life. Let us remember to give thanks for that gift and for the beauty that we see at this time of year that He has created for us. Take time to enjoy all that God has provided and to thank Him for all that He has done for us.

Serving with gladness, Sue Corwin

DISTRICT DATES!!

+**District Women's Retreat** in Carrington: September 16-18, 2011.

+Next **newsletter deadline** is September 20, 2011. We love your news and pictures, so send it in, send it in!

+Suggested commemoration of **LWML Sunday** is October 2, 2011. Theme is "Being with Jesus - Living on the Edge", written by Pastor Ken Klaus. Check out the national website (www.lwml.org), or the special mailing for LWML Sunday for more information.

+ZONE FALL RALLIES+

2011 Fall Rally Theme is "Delighted to Share", based on 1 Thessalonians 2:8.

Zone: Date; Location; Speaker

Central: October 1; Zion, Edgeley; Rev. Seter

Eastern: October 15; Immanuel, Fargo; Ken Bunge

NE: no Fall Rally

NW: October 8; St. Mark, Minot(?); Ken Bunge

SE: October 8; Immanuel; rural Lidgerwood; speaker TBA

SW: October 1; Bethel, Bismarck; Ken Bunge

+Next **District BOD Meeting** is Nov. 12, 2011.

+**Young Women's Retreat:** March 2012 in Bismarck.

+**Women's Retreat** in Carrington: Sep. 14-16, **2012.**

+**District LWML Convention:** June 24-26, 2012

+Kay Kreklau's first convention as LWML President is on June 27-30, 2013 in Pittsburgh, PA. Can you make the journey?

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Gifts & Bequests Chairman - Avonne Gessner

"Do you want to make a difference?"

That is what the North Dakota Special Gifts & Bequests Fund is all about. This arm of the North Dakota LWML was formed in 1998 to receive gifts and bequests of \$100 or more and to use them to further the mission and ministry of the LWML both district and national. You can also name the LWML as a beneficiary in your will, or designate it as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy.

Donations to this fund are also a meaningful and appropriate way to:

- 1 celebrate the life and service of special friends and relatives;
- 2 express thanksgiving for a birthday or anniversary;
- 3 offer a memorial remembrance;
- 4 underwrite the ongoing ministry of the LWML.

The District LWML has **JOY CARDS** available to use for this purpose. They can be requested from the Financial Secretary, Sharon Kroepelin, 13861 3rd St. SE, Hope, ND 58046. **20% of your donations automatically go into the Gifts & Bequests Fund.**

Each of our gifts may be different, St. Paul told the Romans (12:6), but we can give joyfully and through the work of the Holy Spirit, our gifts grow in service to God's kingdom.

For more information contact Avonne Gessner, Chairman, 504 Jay Street, Bottineau, ND 58318 or telephone: 701-228-5102.

Nominating Committee Looking for Candidates for 2012 Convention!

Please pray for potential nominees for the following positions: President; VP of Mission Grants; VP of Human Care; VP of Communication (a potential, newly-added office); 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. Convention is less than a year away, so it's time for us to acquire names at Rallies, by e-mail, or any other way the Lord may use. Please join our

committee in praying for the right people to rise to the top of the list for our beloved ND LWML. Please help us find ladies of all ages and circumstances ready to serve Him, right where we are!

Paulette Huber, Nominating Committee Chairman

MISSION NEWS from VP Rhonda

Here is a thank you from FirstChoice Clinic:

Dear Lutheran Women's Missionary League:

Thank you so much for your gift to FirstChoice Clinic. You may not know it, but you've done so much more than help pay the phone bill or help make a staff salary possible. When you provide a gift to our ministry, besides the funds themselves, you give each of the staff, board member and volunteers a healthy dose of encouragement. While your name is kept confidential, we are all uplifted to know that gifts are coming in for support of life from another life champion.

Your gift is received with an unwritten message that says "We're in this together—we are standing with you." That speaks volumes when our days are difficult, when we are tired and when we wonder how to reach a client whose heart is broken. Thank you for walking this journey with us; hearts are being touched and lives are being saved.

Thank you so much for your wonderful gift and the many other ways you support us! Our ministry is so grateful for friends like all of you. God bless you!

*Pauline Economon R.N., M.Ed., M.A.
Executive Director*

District Mission Grants Proposals Requested

"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 LWML members, societies, units, zones and LCMS Boards. (Bylaws Article XV, Section 1)

Ministries seeking funding should:

be mission in emphasis, extending the ministry of the Word;

fit into the plans and projections of the LCMS;

be current and ready for implementation;

be on-going in nature, continuing after the grant money has been expended."

The grant proposal must be submitted by September 30, 2011 to the Vice President of Mission Grants - download the printable form on the www.ndlwml.org/missiongrants webpage.



Here's an example of the devastation in Minot. Our district LWML treasurer's home is pictured at left. This photo of Renee Johnson's home was taken in June. The district synodical office is coordinating assistance efforts for our sister congregations in Minot. Consider helping wherever and whenever you can.

ANNOUNCEMENTS from the DISTRICT

++Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Bismarck, ND now has an LWML unit. The district LWML awarded their unit a number of items as a welcome-to-the-district gift. Please give a prayer of thanksgiving to our Lord for our newest member group!

++Myra Axtman, Hazen, has been appointed district LWML Public Relations Director. Congratulations, Myra! Put her to work on getting out the good word of ND LWML.


++Have you come up with any new designs for the header of this publication, *The Messenger*? There is still a little time left before submissions **deadline of October 20, 2011**. Submit your ideas to the News Editor.

++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**. Thank you.

++Condolences to the family of Pastor Terry Martin, whose funeral was July 21, 2011. Pastor Martin served as a counselor for the ND District LWML when they were in Pettibone, Woodworth.

++Janell Wohlschlager (district Meeting Coordinator) and her family are moving to Iowa the first week in August. Janell will be missed and we pray for God's blessings in their new home. *Perhaps you'd like to volunteer to fulfill her term?* Contact President Sue.

ND District LWML Mission Grants 2010 – 2012

Mission Grant		Amount Budgeted	Amount Paid	Balance as of 8-5-11
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	\$0
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
Mission Grants – Total Goal		\$67,000	\$35,500	\$31,500

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.

