

Lutheran Women's Missionary League North Dakota District

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The Messenger

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

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

"With Jesus - Right Where You Are"

ND District LWML Convention

June 24-26, 2012

Alerus Center,

Grand Forks, ND

This edition of the Messenger contains YOUR official Call To Convention 'packet'. Please see the interior pages of this newsletter. Delegates should be sure to be aware of the bylaws changes, mission grant proposals, and



nominated officers for the North Dakota District.

An Invitation

We are excited about the ND District LWML Convention June 24 - 26 in Grand Forks at the Alerus Convention Center and invite you to attend. The Alerus Center is a beautiful place and we know that you will be comfortable as you enjoy the meetings, the delicious food, and meet new and old LWML friends.

Come to be filled with God's Word as Pastor Craig Fenske leads us in Bible study. Renew your mission minded spirit as you hear Pastor Bernhard Seter tell us about the mission in Kenya and ways that we can support it. Pastor Nabil Nour will encourage us to live the Christian life in this postmodern world as we reach out to others with the compassion of Jesus Christ.

From the Servant Events to the Closing Service, you will find many ways to be a part of the great mission of the LWML. The worship services, the music, the Christian entertainment with The Dunavans, and the first Mite Pledge Walk for our ND District LWML are just a few of the exciting things happening. Plan to attend and bring a friend to reaffirm that you are "With Jesus - Right Where You Are".

Gloria Bethke and Lynne Drees, Convention Co-Chairmen

MITE PLEDGE WALK - New Day

TUESDAY JUNE 26 - 6:30 AM - 7:30 AM

You are invited to be part of the first Mite Pledge Walk for our North Dakota District LWML! NOTE the DAY CHANGE. Further information within Call To Convention.

LWML Convention - Pittsburgh PA

June 27-30, 2013

In the logo, the pitcher represents Jesus as the vessel used by God to convey His reconciliation to us. God



allowed Jesus to be "poured out" for us; emptied as He offered Himself on the cross so we could in turn be "splashed" with a restoring spirit. We receive the crown of

life in Jesus to go out like the ripples, touching others with the Good News of redemption.

President's Thoughts:

It is the season of spring and we look forward to everything coming to life again after everything has been resting for the winter. We look forward to planting flowers and gardens and watching them grow with all their



beautiful colors and looking forward to the fruits that we will enjoy when they are ready for harvest. God provides all of this for us to enjoy. We thank him for all these things that he has created.

A song that we have been singing with our children in Sunday School has a part of the verse that says "and I just thank you Father for making me me". God has made each of us special in His own way. Psalm 139: 13 says "*For you created my inmost being; you knit me to together in my mother's womb*". He knew us before we were born and He is with us every day. He has given each of us gifts to use in service to Him as we serve others.

This spring as we enjoy the new life that we see, let us remember to thank God for making 'me, me' and also for the new life we have in Him. Just as He rose from the dead as he said he would, let us serve Him in all that we do each day. "*This is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it*" Psalm 118:24. We rejoice each day that God has made each of special in His own way.

Serving with gladness,
Sue Corwin



Christ is risen
He is risen indeed, Alleluia

Pastoral Meditation:

Whatever!!

Whatever!! How many times have we heard this word used in conversations? It may be used sarcastically in the sense that we really don't believe what the person is telling us. **Whatever!!** It may also be used in frustration in the sense that we're tired of arguing with another person. We give up trying to get that person to understand or accept what we're saying, throw up our hands and say **Whatever!** It can also express apathy or indifference in the midst of a decision making process. We may have no opinion about the subject one way or another. The concept is: **Whatever. It doesn't make any difference to me!**

Yet, an indifferent attitude can be rather deceiving. While it may appear that a person 'doesn't care', it is really the opposite. They do 'care' . . . its just that they 'care' only about the things that are important to them. They simply may not 'care' about what's important to someone else.

Usually when we encounter the statement **Whatever!!** it leaves us with the feeling that this person doesn't care to listen to what's important to us! We are left with a feeling of rejection. While there may be many things toward which we are indifferent, this attitude is very dangerous when it comes to our relationship with the Lord.

Jesus encountered a **Whatever!!** attitude from people many times throughout His earthly ministry. From outright rejection of His Person and Work to indifference toward Him all together, Jesus encountered many people who did not want to receive God's will for their lives—deliverance from sin!! John 1:11 says: "*He came to His own, and His own people did not receive Him.*" Jesus could have very legitimately walked away from people, thrown up His hands and said **Whatever!!**

However, Jesus did not do this, did He? He came to be right where we are in the mess and muddle of our sin, so much so that, even though He wasn't sinful, He took all our sin upon Himself that in Him we might become the righteousness of God!! He did it so that we could have a new perspective on life as God's children!!! John 1:12 goes on to say: "*But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*"

'Whatever' in God's vocabulary has a whole different focus: "*Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things . . . and the God of peace will be with you.*" (cf. Philippians 4:8,9b) All of these **'whatevers'** find their definition in Jesus Christ. When we meet Jesus right where we are with repentance of our sin we take Jesus everywhere we go as His renewed people ready to make an impact upon our world!!

So when it comes to Jesus, God does not respond with **Whatever!** in some sarcastic, negative way of rejection. Rather, He responds to us by saying: **'Whatever** you have done, it is forgiven! **Whatever** you do, I will give you strength! **Whatever** you need, I will provide! **Whatever** needs to happen in your life, I have provided in Jesus!!" God is not indifferent toward us! By His grace through Jesus we too are not indifferent toward Him! We appreciate His Word and Work in Christ and desire to follow Him in every area of our lives, right where we are!!

— Pastor Dave Suelzle, ND District LWML Junior Counselor

Whatever, Indeed!!

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Official Call to Convention

Members of the North Dakota District LWML, this is your official Call to Convention. We have been called to be “With Jesus...Right Where you Are”. Come to Grand Forks June 24-26 and be with Jesus as we participate in Bible Study and listen to our speakers.

Delegates to the convention will have voice and vote. We will vote on mission grants and new officers. I invite you to come and be energized as Lutheran Women in Mission. Please join me and the women of the Northeast Zone as we serve in all areas “With Jesus...Right Where You Are”.

Serving with Gladness,
Sue Corwin, ND District LWML President

The *theme verse* is Micah 4:2b,5b.

Convention Goal: Reaffirm that, as a child of God, you are “With Jesus...Right Where You Are”, so that you may walk in His path.

Convention objectives (3): My teacher is Jesus, He teaches me through His Word.

I will place my trust in Him to walk His path.

I will remain in God's Word and Work, and reach out to others with the compassion of Jesus Christ.

Convention Highlights

District PR, Myra Axtman, put together a revised *bulletin and newsletter announcement sheet* to add excitement leading up to convention. You may get them from your Zone President or from the district website (ndlwml.org).

Thanks to Myra for putting these together. *Continued prayers for Myra Axtman's family, who went to heaven on April 25th after suffering a stroke this spring. Heartfelt condolences.*

Our *speakers* will be Pastor Nabil Nour from Armour, SD as keynote speaker, Pastor Bernie Seter as mission speaker, and President Kay Kreklau as our national representative.

The *entertainment* will be The Dunavans, featuring Dean and Jyl Dunavan and their family. Extra tickets will be available for \$5 to non-registrants with free entrance to children.

The Quilts/blankets/lap blankets *Procession and Dedication* will be featured again, so you may wish to finish working on your contributions to that cause.

Registration Costs: - \$60.00 - full registration; \$35 - worker/spouse; \$45 - Monday only; \$25 - YWR; No charge - Teens 17 and under. The *meal package* will cost \$70. Special dietary requests will be accommodated.

Registration deadline for meals will be June 1st.

Due to insurance and logistical concerns, **daycare will not be provided during convention.** Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

DVD recordings of *convention highlights* will again be offered for \$10.

A *Mite Pledge Walk* will run from 6:30-7:30 am Tuesday morning. Pack your pledges and your comfortable shoes! Participants are encouraged to be in front of the Alerus to begin the walk promptly at 6:30 am. The walk will leave promptly at 6:30 AM from the Alerus Center, go down 11th Ave to a Japanese Garden Park, along the coulee and back to the Alerus. Obtain pledges from your friends and

family and bring them to the convention. Registration is \$8.00 and includes a special Walk T-shirt. Register on the convention Registration Form. A pledge sheet will be sent to all who register and will also be on the website.

We will include a **display of past district banners** in the convention decorations. If your church has one or more of these banners, please bring pole and stands along with the banners, so we can display them properly. Make sure they are labeled with names/addresses somewhere on the banner, too.

Young Women

We have special things planned for you!

There will be a luncheon on Monday June 25th, with LWML President Kay Kreklau! This luncheon is included in your registration cost so plan to attend! Also both Sunday and Monday night after the close of the session, we will have a time of fellowship and food in one of the convention rooms. It will be a great time get to know one another!

Teens

We have special things planned for you, too!

On Monday June 25th, we have a fun activity planned for you! You will get to spend time with other teens from around the state and enjoy a time of fellowship with pizza and swimming in the CanadInn's indoor water park! Also both Sunday and Monday night after the close of the session, you are welcome to join the young women for a time of fellowship and food in one of the convention rooms. It will be a great time get to know one another!

The following **Servant Events** occur on June 24th at the Alerus Center. Please feel free to come and go and help with any of the servant events between 2:30 and 5.

1. Convention Choir (2:30 - 4 pm at Immanuel Luth. Church);
2. Decorating bags for meals on wheels;
3. Rolling bandages for Global Health Ministries - *Donation opportunity! New or used sheets for the bandages;*
4. Tying fleece blankets for foster care children - *Donation opportunity! Fleece material for blankets;*
5. Making faith bead bracelets for youth groups to distribute at the ND Winter Show;
6. Making pillowcase dresses for African girls - *Donation opportunity! Pretty pillowcases or cotton fabric;*
7. Trimming box tops/ Campbell soup labels for Immanuel Christian Children's Center in Grand Forks - *Donation opportunity! Bring all box tops/soup labels you have.*

GIFTS FROM THE HEART

"I will remain in God's Word and Work, reaching out to others with the compassion and hope of Jesus Christ." This is one of the objectives for this convention. Following are opportunities to show Jesus' love through our tangible gifts of sharing.

WOMEN'S PREGNANCY CENTER – (*This is a non-profit Christian agency serving women in Grand Forks and surrounding areas.*)

*Diapers

*Wet Wipes

*Baby clothing (newborn to 12 months)



The pregnancy center has a baby boutique with new and gently used items for mom and baby to earn through the Earn While You Learn program. This program is for mothers who have already decided to maintain their pregnancies and give life to their babies. The women come in to learn about their pregnancies, baby care, and parenting and earn items such as clothing and diapers.

RED RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION - ERNIE J. NORMAN HOUSE (*Homeless house for women and children*)

*Diapers

*Wipes

*Deodorant

*Shampoo/Conditioner

*Toothbrush/toothpaste

*Towels/washcloths

These items will be used for the families while they stay at the shelter.



BABY QUILTS/LAP ROBES

On Monday June 25, we will again have a procession of baby quilts (approx. 3'x5') and lap robes. Please feel free to make and donate as many as you and/or your unit would like. The quilts and lap robes will be given to agencies in the Grand Forks area.



2012 Convention Speaker Snapshots

KEYNOTE Speaker, Nabil Subhi Nour, 56, is a naturalized U.S. citizen; however, he grew up in Nazareth, Israel where many family members still reside. He is a



Palestinian by nationality, and came to the U.S. at the age of 16 with no English skills. He entered the 11th grade at Huron High School in South Dakota. He continued his education at Huron College (now Huron University) and graduated in 1979 with a B. S. degree in criminology and sociology, with minors in psychology and gerontology. In 1977, he married Jean Marie Miedema of Hitchcock, S.D. Into this marriage three lovely sons were given.

After converting to Lutheranism, he received encouragement to consider the pastoral office from his fellow church members and pastor. In 1989, he entered Concordia Theological Seminary in St. Louis, MO and graduated in 1994. He is now a servant of the most High God and Lord, in His vineyard at Armour, South Dakota; he is also continuing his studies from CTS.

Here is the signature line of Reverend Nour - come to convention to find out if this statement is an accurate representation: "Rev. Nabil S. Nour Pastor, Grandpa, and foot washer Phil. 1:6"

MISSION Speaker, Pastor Bernhard (Bernie) Seter, Grafton, ND, will be speaking about his trips to Kenya for Project 24 (one of our ND District LCMS cooperative projects). Project 24 is a 4-year-old effort to build 24 orphanages throughout Kenya in partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya. This project is tied to LCMS Human Care and World Relief.

[national] LWML Representative - LWML President Kay Kreklau

President Baneck shared the following at the special breakfast the ND District hosted for Kay on Sunday morning of the Peoria convention last summer:

In the sixth month the LWML Convention voters was sent from God to a city of Illinois named Peoria, to a woman married to a man whose name was Mark, of the house of Kreklau. And the woman's name was Kay. And the voters came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled, a bit nervous at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of vote this might be. And the voters said to her, "Do not be afraid, Kay, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will (not conceive a child in your womb), but we do want you to be our next LWML President. This will be a great and important position for the LWML and the Church. And the Lord God will give the position to you, and you will reign for four years in the kingdom of God which lasts forever."

And Kay said to the voters, “Uff Dah! How can this be?” And the voters said, “We will vote you in and the power from the most high will be with you always, for you are my holy child, born of the waters of Holy Baptism. And behold, all your relatives, your husband and your family, and all your sisters and brothers in the ND District and the LCMS rejoice with you and will keep you always in their prayers in this sixth month of June, yes, all these will



pray for you, from the land of ND which many call barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.”

And Kay said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according your Word.” And the LWML Voters, her family, her District, all the LCMS never departed from her.”

Here is a poem written by Debbie Larson and ?? with the help of Jan Struck:

Kay, you've been chosen by God and by your peers
Your life will be hectic for four busy years
You have a strong faith -- you know Jesus saves
You're now officially crowned ND's Barnababe!

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ND Full-time Church Worker Scholarships Grant Proposed New Standing Rule

(Approved by LWML ND Board of Directors on 11/12/11 to be approved by 2012 delegates.)

The ND Full-time Church Worker Scholarships Grant will receive funding of \$35,000 every biennium and will be placed at the top of the funding schedule. (The remaining grants as voted at convention will be placed on the funding schedule below the ND Full-time Church Worker Scholarships in the order of votes received. Total monies for their funding will be the mite goal less the \$35,000.)

Rationale: We have funded the ND Church Worker Scholarships since 1980. We are the main contributor to this fund and would not like it to be in jeopardy if delegates would assume it will be voted in and then vote for other projects. We would like it to always be at the top of the funding schedule.

MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS 2012-2014

MG 801--\$5,000

Catechisms for the Chinese (Lutheran Heritage Foundation)

Goal: To print and distribute *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*, a side-by-side Chinese/English catechism,

providing churches and missionaries with the tools they need to spread the Gospel to the Chinese.

WHEREAS, the Holy Spirit at Pentecost gave Jesus' disciples the gift of speaking in many tongues so that all God's children might hear His call (Acts 2:1-41); and

WHEREAS, the LCMS already has more than 30 pastors who reach out to Chinese, as well as many established Chinese ministries both nationally and internationally, including the North Dakota District; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Chinese missionaries and church leaders have expressed a deep need for Lutheran materials printed in the native language of the people they serve; and

WHEREAS, the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, a recognized service organization of the LCMS, has for 20 years vigorously fulfilled its mission of translating and publishing Lutheran books, such as *Luther's Small Catechism* and *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories* into the languages of the world; and

WHEREAS, the Lutheran Heritage Foundation has received more than 100 requests for Chinese-language catechisms, including some from pastors in North Dakota;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2012 Convention of the ND LWML grant \$5,000 to the Lutheran Heritage Foundation to publish and distribute Catechism for the Chinese.

MG 802--\$7,500

Orphan Grain Train—North Dakota

Goal: To provide food, clothing, medical supplies and God's Word to those in need who have suffered losses in floods, droughts, hurricanes and fires in the U.S. and also to help the destitute people of Mexico, Russia, Latvia, China and Liberia.

WHEREAS, the Orphan Grain Train was born over nineteen 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 branches across the US, sending to date over 1,862 twenty ton containers to 49 countries around the world valued at well over \$75 million and representing over three million hours of work donated by volunteers; over 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 life; and especially

flood victims in Bismarck and Minot, ND who have faced the loss of homes and business; 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 2012 Convention of the ND LWML grant \$7,500 for the work of the Orphan Grain Train—ND Branch; 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 804--\$2,000

Encountering Christ through Scripture—Helping Women of Liberia, West Africa Learn to Read

Goal: To train staff and supply classrooms for literacy learning centers and thus open a window of opportunity for Liberian women to explore the Good News found in Scripture, strengthening the faith of believers and leading others to faith as followers of Jesus Christ.

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 the LCMS World Mission; and

WHEREAS, through literacy programs, LBT provides women with the education needed to be able to read Scripture in their mother tongue;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2012 Convention of the ND LWML grant \$2,000 to Lutheran Bible Translators for the "Encountering Christ through Scripture—Helping Women of Liberia, West Africa Learn to Read" program.

MG 805--\$5,000

Restoring Security for His Children—Minot Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch

Goal: To restore each living unit on the Minot Campus after the Historic Flood of 2011 to allow at-risk youth a safe and secure living environment.

WHEREAS, God instructs us to "train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it" (Proverbs 22:6); and

WHEREAS, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch is a necessary mission field and has children from across North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the physical, mental and spiritual care of the youth are the mission of DBGR; and

WHEREAS, DBGR must rebuild the housing to provide a space to care for and help these at-risk youth as they work on issues challenging them in daily living and provide for their spiritual well-being;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2012 Convention of the ND LWML grant \$5,000 to Restoring Security for His Children—Minot Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Campus.

MG 806--\$5,000

Christ the Way Radio Ministry

Goal: To share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and other states through a 15-minute radio message every Sunday morning.

WHEREAS, Christ the Way is a ND District radio ministry that has aired for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Christ the Way is a unique radio program in that the messages are given exclusively by LCMS pastors of the ND District; and

WHEREAS, Christ the Way proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people in a five state region; and

WHEREAS, the fund established years ago to support Christ the Way has been used up and it costs \$55 to air a 15-minute message each Sunday, so approximately \$2800 each year;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2012 Convention of the ND LWML grant \$5,000 to Christ the Way Radio Ministry.

MG 807—\$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.

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 to train for full-time church work will share the money from this grant;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2012 Convention of the ND LWML grant \$35,000 to the North Dakota LCMS District for ND Full-time Church Workers' Scholarships.

MG 809--\$2,000

Carolyn Walsh, Lutheran Bible Translator Missionary to Botswana, Africa

Goal: To assist with the expenses of Carolyn Walsh's trip and two year internship with Lutheran Bible Translators in Botswana, Africa.

WHEREAS, Jesus commands us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to everyone, and the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few; and

WHEREAS, there are LCMS missionaries and Lutheran Bible Translators already in Botswana; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Walsh, a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Fargo, has been trained at Concordia University, St. Paul and is doing her two-year internship in Botswana to complete her degree in the Director of Christian Outreach Program; and

WHEREAS, air transportation is expensive along with two years living expenses totaling approximately \$30,000 and Carolyn does not receive funding, but must pay her own expenses;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2012 Convention of the ND LWML grant \$2,000 to Lutheran Bible Translators for Carolyn Walsh.

MG 811--\$5,000

Holy Cross Lutheran of Bismarck Kitchen Project

Goal: To furnish and equip the kitchen in our newly renovated church building in north Bismarck.

WHEREAS, Christ in His Holy Word has directed us to bring people to know him; and

WHEREAS, Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Bismarck is a necessary mission field in a new neighborhood and has already drawn new members to the LCMS church; and

WHEREAS, fellowship and community service events such as the Red Cross providing meals to the less fortunate in the community are an important element in the church; and

WHEREAS, kitchen equipment and furnishings to code are needed to complete our renovated mission church;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2012 Convention of the ND LWML grant \$5,000 to the Holy Cross Lutheran Kitchen Project.

MG 812--\$4,000

Production of Large-Print Scripture Calendars and Large-Type *Quarterlies* and Supplies--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 and thus helping the blind and visually-impaired people see Jesus.

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 most of them have never heard the Good News that Jesus loves them; and

WHEREAS, Lutheran Blind Mission, a recognized service organization of the LCMS, produces our Scripture calendars and the LWML *Quarterly* in large-type print 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, to enable visually-impaired people to read 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 2012 Convention of the ND LWML grant \$4,000 to Lutheran Blind Mission for Production of Large-Print Calendars and *Quarterlies*.

MG 813--\$5,000**Handicapped Institutional Reform in Kazakhstan**

Goal: To assist our partners in Kazakhstan in improving the lives of the Kazakh handicapped and bring the love of Christ to God's forgotten children.

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

WHEREAS, disabled and handicapped persons in Kazakhstan are often placed in orphanages and are restricted by lack of opportunities available for education, therapy and employment; and

WHEREAS, LCMS International Mission seeks to assist our partners in Kazakhstan to enable local families, individuals and social workers to develop programs to help this disadvantaged sub-community; and

WHEREAS, by assisting in the improvement of the lives of the Kazakh handicapped, LCMS workers and partners can display Jesus' love for all involved in the project; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the work already done, six handicapped persons have been baptized and two Muslim workers have professed their faith in Jesus Christ;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2012 Convention of the ND LWML grant \$5,000 to the LCMS to help fund Handicap Institutional Reform in Kazakhstan.

MG 814--\$2,000**Veterans of the Cross**

Goal: To provide small, periodic stipends and pastoral care for church work retirees or their surviving spouses who struggle to pay for basic living expenses, such as medicine or utility bills.

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

WHEREAS, some called workers and/or spouses may have worked diligently in areas of service for a certain period of time where compensations were low for their God-pleasing work; and

WHEREAS, these faithful workers, when reaching retirement age or due to a major event in their life, have little or no financial means with which to sustain them and/or their spouse or family; and

WHEREAS, the Church Worker Grants unit of the National Mission office of the LCMS is the mercy arm of the LCMS and wishes to extend that mercy care to those in our Synod that have been faithful to the Lord;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2012 Convention of the ND LWML grant \$2,000 to the LCMS to help fund Veterans of the Cross.

MG 815--\$5,000**Women's & Children's Shelter at Standing Rock**

Goal: To help fund a security fence and the purchase of personal care products, food, Christian literature and witness materials for the women and children who come to the shelter.

WHEREAS, the mission of the ND LWML is to equip and encourage all women to share the compassion and hope of Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, Jesus cared for the whole person, body and soul, and His mandate is ours; and

WHEREAS, Christ calls us to care for the "least;" and

WHEREAS, in areas around North Dakota there are some who are trying to care for the least among us on the Native American Reserves where women and children are the most vulnerable;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2012 Convention of the ND LWML grant \$5,000 to the LCMS ND District for the Women's and Children's Shelter at Standing Rock.

MG 816--\$5,000**Project 24—Orphanages in Kenya**

Goal: To provide funding to build rescue centers for homeless, orphaned children in Kenya and thus allow them to learn about the love of Jesus.

WHEREAS, Christ says in His Holy Word, "Religion that our god and Father accepts is this: to look after widows and orphans in their distress" (James 1:27); and

WHEREAS, in Kenya, Africa, suffering is everywhere and two to three million children have no parents and no one to care for them due to the HIV/AIDS pandemic and with little hope of finding food, education and medical care, they struggle just to survive; and

WHEREAS, Project 24 was founded to build 24 rescue centers to provide housing, food, clothing and access to health care and education and as their physical needs are being met, the children are also told of the love of Jesus; and

WHEREAS, a rescue center for 50 children with sleeping rooms, bathrooms, a kitchen and dining hall can be built for about \$40,000; and

WHEREAS, Project 24 is an established international mission project in partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church Kenya, a church body in fellowship with the LCMS, and is

unique in that the founders of this project are from North Dakota and Minnesota, namely Roger Weinlaeder, Rev. Bernie Seter, Bill Sharpe, Bob Wurl, Ed Bean, Mark Hatloy and Kurt Daudt. They travel to Kenya frequently to provide accountability and personal contact; and

WHEREAS, the number of children in Kenya needing aid far exceeds the number of rescue centers available;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2012 Convention of the ND LWML grant \$5,000 to Project 24—Orphanages in Kenya.

MG 819--\$2,300

Lutheran Bible Translators/Ken Bunge

Goal: To provide funds to support Rev. Ken Bunge in his current work on the modern Chaldean translation of the Bible.

WHEREAS, Lutheran Bible Translators is well-established as an independent Lutheran mission organization dedicated to helping bring people to faith in Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Ken Bunge is working full-time with LBT workers to translate the Old Testament into modern Chaldean, which has language-groups in Chicago, Detroit and Fargo; and

WHEREAS, financial needs for this on-going project for Rev. Bunge are \$4,550 per month for the foreseeable future;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2012 Convention of the ND LWML grant \$2,300 to Lutheran Bible Translators for Ken Bunge.

MG 820--\$4,800

Deaconess Education and Work in Russia

Goal: To fund 1) transportation for deaconess students from far-away geographical areas to centralized regional training sessions, 2) theological and practical books and training materials, 3) a pilot learning project in mercy outreach for deaconess students' practical application and 4) support of one called and trained Lutheran deaconess as a seminary faculty member for two years.

WHEREAS, Christ in His Holy Word calls us to care for our neighbor in mercy as we reach out with the Gospel; and

WHEREAS, Christ in His Word tells us to "Go and make disciples of all nations;" and

WHEREAS, the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church is in full altar and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS and is necessary and invaluable for the building up of the faith in the far-reaching and geographically isolated areas of Siberia; and

WHEREAS, post-Soviet Russian society experiences great physical needs and social challenges and where 6 out of every 10 pregnancies end in abortion; and

WHEREAS, theologically and practically-trained women can assist the ministry of the church by assisting busy pastors in human care outreach to serve the needy, visit the sick, assist the homeless and counsel women in God's value of all human life and assist them in carrying their pregnancies to term and helping new mothers with the many needs of their child's development and growth;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2012 Convention of the ND LWML grant \$4,800 to LCMS World Relief and Human Care for Deaconess Education and Work in Russia.

MG 821--\$2,850

Martin Luther School Tuition Assistance

Goal: To raise funds for the Tuition Assistance Fund for Martin Luther School in Bismarck, ND.

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 2012 Convention of the ND LWML grant \$2,850 for the Tuition Assistance Fund for Martin Luther School in Bismarck, ND.

GRANTS PROPOSED BUT NOT APPROVED AT THIS TIME

MG 803--Trinity/HOPE—Feed the Children in the Lutheran Schools in Haiti...\$5,000

MG 808--Pregnancy Help Services—First Choice Clinic...\$5,000

MG 810--International (Partner Church) Graduate Student Support at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis...\$5,000

MG 817--The Confessional Lutheran Education Foundation International Lutheran Hymnal Project...\$15,000

MG 818--Mary Okeyo Student Travel Scholarship Fund...\$15,000

THREE PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES 2012

The following bylaw change will not be voted on by delegates, as it is mandated by the National bylaw change.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (hereinafter referred to as LWML), the North Dakota District (hereinafter referred to as the District) of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (hereinafter referred to as LCMS).

Rationale for changes to Article I:

This name change is to make the name used in the bylaws and bank match. The changes are regarding word order.

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Existing bylaws read

ARTICLE XII - STANDING COMMITTEES

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Section 7

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- 1) be appointed from at least three zones;
- 2) be between the ages of 18 to 35 when appointed.

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- 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 Leader Manual and as requested by the President.

Rationale for Proposed Changes to Article XII:

The changes will for members who wish to serve on the Committee for Young Women to continue to serve even when they move in this mobile society.

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Existing bylaws read

ARTICLE VI - ELECTED OFFICERS/ELECTIONS

Section 1

The elected officers shall be

President

Vice President of Christian Life

Vice President of Human Care

Vice President of Mission Grants

Vice President of Servant Resources

Recording Secretary

Financial Secretary

Treasurer

Section 2

b. The election of officers shall be as follows:

1) the President, Vice President of Human Care, Vice President of Mission Grants, and Treasurer shall be elected at one (1) District LWML Convention;

2) the Vice President of Christian Life, Vice President of Servant Resources, Recording Secretary, and Financial Secretary shall be elected at the following District LWML Convention;

Section 4

In the event of an emergency, unexpected vacancy, or absence of the President, the order of precedence shall be:

Vice President of Mission Grants

Vice President of Christian Life

Vice President of Human Care

Vice President of Servant Resources

ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 6

The Recording Secretary shall:

- a. keep a record of the convention proceedings and meetings of the Board of Directors;
- b. provide each member of the Board of Directors with a copy of the minutes of its meetings and of the convention in a timely fashion;
- c. receive credentials of delegates, certified by zone presidents, prior to the biennial District convention to determine authenticity;
- d. provide a copy of the convention minutes to each unit;
- e. receive society/unit written membership applications and present to the Board of Directors for approval;
- f. keep accurate up-to-date records of the standing motions;
- 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.

Section 7

The Financial Secretary shall:

- a. be bonded at the expense of the District for an amount determined by the Board of Directors, for the purpose of co-signing checks;
- b. be able to navigate in a computer accounting program;
- c. receive all monies and deposit them in a financial institution approved by the District Board of Directors;
- d. keep an itemized account of all receipts;
- e. transfer to the District Treasurer all monies received, after recording all receipts;
- f. submit records for financial review prior to the biennial convention;
- g. supply societies in the District with remittance blanks and with Mite Boxes for offerings;

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Vice President of Communication

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Section 6

The Vice President of Communication shall:

- a. perform the duties of the President in the absence or at the request of the President;
- b. serve as chairman of the Communication Committee as outlined in the District Leaders Manual;
- c. prepare a report for the Board of Directors meetings and for the District Convention;
- d. perform additional duties as listed in the District Leaders Manual and as requested by the President.

Renumber as needed if approved.

- h. be a member of the Special Gifts and Bequests Fund Committee;
- i. submit financial reports to the Board of Directors' meetings and to the District Convention;
- j. perform additional duties as listed in the District Leaders Manual and as requested by the President.

Section 8

The Treasurer shall:

- a. be bonded at the expense of the District for an amount determined by the Board of Directors;
- b. keep the Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and President's bonds in effect;
- c. receive all monies from the District Financial Secretary and deposit them in a financial institution approved by the District Board of Directors;
- d. keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements;
- e. make all payments authorized by the District Convention or District Board of Directors and approved by the President;
- f. receive all bills, prepare and sign all expense vouchers and obtain approval of the District President, sign all checks and forward to the District President for second signature;
- g. make payments for approved grants as authorized by the Board of Directors;
- h. submit records for financial review prior to the biennial convention;
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Section 8

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

ARTICLE IX APPOINTED OFFICERS/POSITIONS

Delete the following

Section 4

Newsletter Editor shall:

Section 6

The Public Relations-Media Marketing Director shall:

Renumber as needed if approved.

Section 8

a. The Communication Committee shall consist of three (3) or more members. The Vice President of Communication shall be the chairman. Two (2) or more additional members shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, to serve a term of two (2) years and be eligible for reappointment to one (1) consecutive term.

b. The Communication Committee shall:

- 1) promote and market products and activities of the LWML, including conventions, rallies, and retreats;
- 2) be responsible for compiling and distributing the district newsletter, the Call to Convention information, and the Convention Manual;
- 3) oversee the maintenance and updates to the district website through the use of a qualified webmaster;
- 4) submit all work to the President and the Senior Pastoral Counselor for approval prior to printing and distribution;
- 5) provide copies of all publications to the Archivist-Historian and others as directed in the District Leaders Manual;
- 6) be responsible for the maintenance and updates to the district database;
- 7) maintain a file for future reference to pass on to successors, and provide training for the maintenance of the district database;
- 8) perform additional duties as listed in the District Leaders Manual and as requested by the President.

Section 8 will become Section 9

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TENTATIVE AGENDA for 2012 Convention

Sunday, June 24, 2012

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting; Immanuel Lutheran

12:00 pm – 5:00 pm; Registration – Alerus

2:30 pm – 5:00 pm; **Servant Events**

2:30 - 4:00 pm; **Choir practice** – Immanuel Luth Church, Paulette Huber – director

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm; Board of Directors Dinner

Opening ceremonies – Immanuel Lutheran Church

7:15 pm; Officers and special guests assemble for processional

7:30 pm; Opening Processional – Immanuel Lutheran Church

ND 2012 Convention Banner; Board of Directors and special guests

Call to Order – Session #1 – President Sue Corwin

Lighting of the convention candle; Convention prayer

Welcome and announcements – President Sue

Opening Worship Service; Organist Gloria Bethke

Choir sings

Offering #1 – Mites

9:00 pm; **Delegate Meeting** – Immanuel Lutheran Church

This orientation is important for all delegates!

Monday, June 25, 2012

6:30 am – 7:45 am; Breakfast

(For all who purchased the meal package)

7:00 am registration continues at the Alerus Center

6:30 am – 7:45 am; Exhibits open – Alerus Center; LWML store and CPH store

7:45 am; Pre – convention singing – Pastor Suelzle

Officers and special guests gather for processional in the hall

Convention Session # 2 – Alerus Center

8:00 am; Processional

8:10 am; **Convention session #2** – President Sue Corwin

Opening devotion, song & pledges

Welcome – Judy Anderson – NE Zone President

Convention goal statement & objectives –

Introduction of Honored Guests

Intro of Conv Co-chairmen; Gloria Bethke & Lynne Drees

Introduction of Officers on Stage

ND LCMS President – Rev. James Baneck

Greetings from LCMS President Harrison

Greetings from LWML President Kay Kreklau

Greetings from Pat Bilow – Gift Planning

Greetings from LYF – Julia Wold President

Reading of Convention Rules: Bonnie Krenz– Parliamentarian

Presentation & Approval of Conv Agenda – Debbie Larson, Rec Secy

Committee Appointments; Head teller for election of officers;

Head teller of Mission Grants; Minutes Review

9:00 am; **Bible Study** – Rev. Craig Fenske

9:45 am; Announcements & Break

10:15 am; **Keynote Speaker – Pastor Nabil Nour**

11:15 am; **Report of Financial Officers** – Sharon Kroeplin,

Financial Secretary and Renee Johnson, Treasurer

Presentation of Proposed Budget and Mission Goal – Sharon Kroeplin & Renee Johnson

Adoption of the Budget and Mission Goal

Bylaw Changes – LuAnn Goter

Presentation of Mission Grant Proposals – Rhonda

Hoge, Vice President of Mission Grants

11:45 am; Announcements and Adjournment of Non-voting Members

*All participants are free and encouraged to stay for the voting process, but may choose to adjourn for lunch at this time. Please give thanks at your tables for your meal.

Reading of voting rules for Mission Grants – Bonnie Krenz

Prayer before voting

Balloting of Mission Grants

12:00 pm

Report of Nominating Committee – Paulette Huber, Chairman

Entertain nominations from the floor – President Sue

Introduction of candidates – Paulette Huber

Reading of voting rules – Bonnie Krenz

Prayer before voting – offered by Paulette Huber

Election of officers

12:15 pm; Announcements; Meal prayer

Lunch Break

Lunch is served for all who purchased the meal package

Exhibits and stores will be open during the lunch hour

1:15 pm; Pre-convention singing – Pastor Suelzle

All those who would like to participate in the baby quilt processional, gather at the back of the convention hall.

1:30 pm; Baby quilt processional – All quilts will be donated to organizations in the Grand Forks area.

Convention Session #3 – Alerus Center

Gifts from the Heart Litany and Dedication – Human Care

Committee, Valerie Biberdorf, Vice President

2:00 pm; **Bible Study #2** – Rev. Craig Fenske

2:45 pm; Announcements/Break

3:15 pm; **[national] LWML Report – Kay Kreklau, Pres**

Invitation to the 2013 LWML Pittsburgh Convention

Mission Speaker – Pastor Bernie Seter

Offering #2 – Mary Okeyo Student Scholarship Fund

5:15 pm; Announcements; Closing Devotions; Adjournment

Dinner is served

Displays and stores open until 7:00 pm

7:00 pm; **Entertainment - The Dunavan Family**

Tuesday, June 26, 2012

6:30 – 7:30 am; **Pledge Walk**

7:00 - 8:00 am; Breakfast at the Alerus for those who purchased the meal package

7:15 am – 8:15 am; Exhibits and stores open

8:15 am; Pre convention singing

Convention Session #4 – Alerus Center

8:30 am; Opening devotion

Greetings from LLL – Dallas Rosin – President

Young Women Representatives Report – Olivia Tyrrell and Marie Johnson

ND LWML President Report – Sue Corwin

Recognition of First Timers

Introduction of Young Women & Teens

Greetings from Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch

10:00 am; Report of Mission Grants & Election of Officers

10:15 am; Recognition of Officers, including outgoing officers

Invitation to the 2014 District Convention – SE Zone

10:30 am; Recognition of Host Comm; Intro of New Officers

11:00 am; Announcements/Final Business, Adjournment

11:30 am; **Closing Worship** – Rev. Dave Suelzle

Installation of Officers; Choir sings

Offering #3 – Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads

Convention Entertainment:

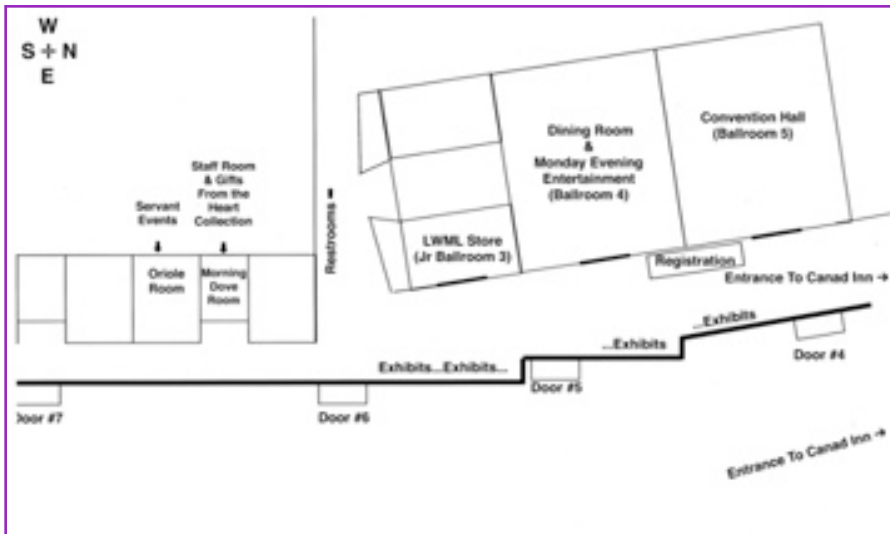
The Dunavans live in Shoreview, MN and are spending the summer touring the western United States. Dean Dunavan was the recipient of the 2010 "Lutheran Educator of the Year Award". As long time teachers and musicians, this family has been led to begin a ministry outreach to churches, communities and missions around the country. Their stops include several homeless shelters, boys and girls ranches, churches and camps, including Our Savior Lutheran Church in Minot on July 5th. You are invited to an evening of music and message with the Dunavan family on Monday night (June 25th) of the ND District LWML Convention. They pray that God will be expressed, enjoyed and exalted in all aspects of their ministry and bring with them a message of hope and trust in His provision wherever they serve.

A TIME OF WORSHIP WITH THE DUNAVAN FAMILY

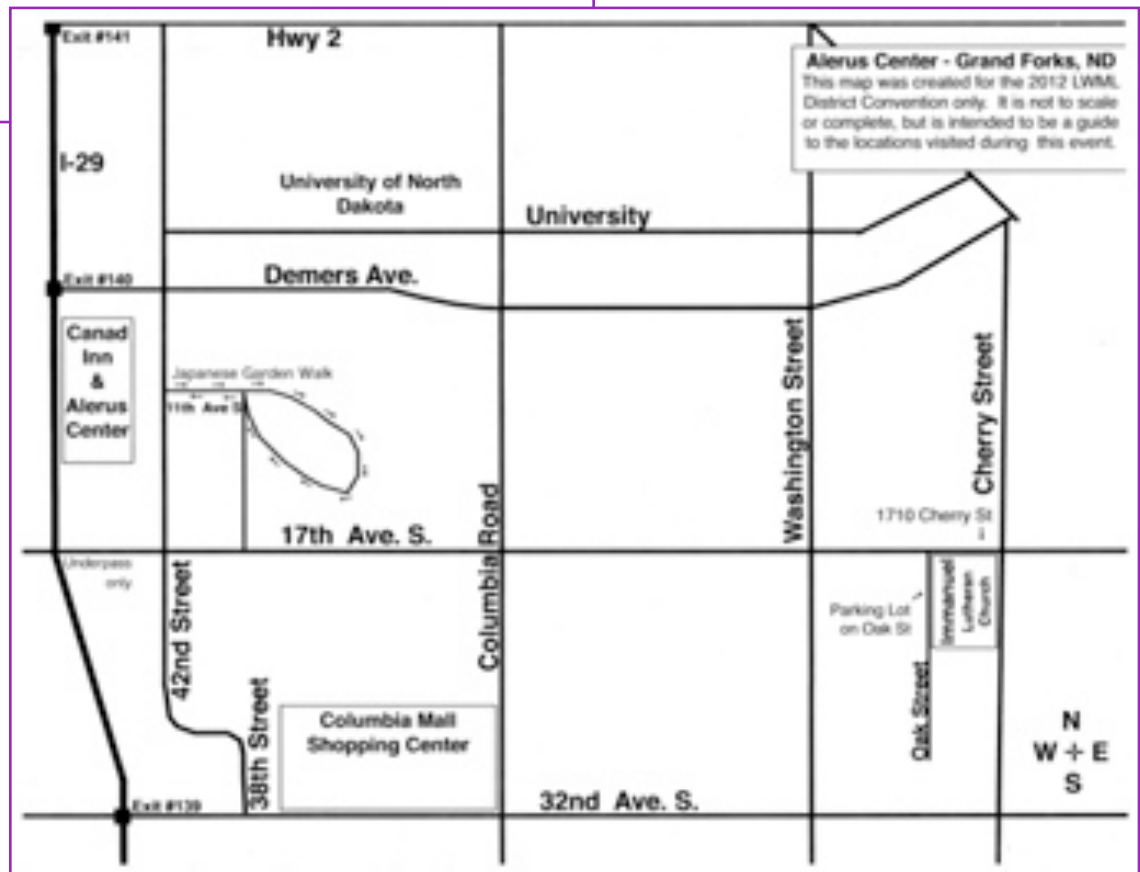


"BEAUTY OF THE LORD" PSALM 27:4

*Pictured above:
Jyl & Dean Dunavan, with
daughters, Amelia (l) & Grace (r)*
Their email address is :
dunavans@q.com



Alerus Center - Grand Forks, ND
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SLATE OF CANDIDATES

2012 DISTRICT CONVENTION

PRESIDENT

Valerie Biberdorf
Paulette Huber

TREASURER

Avonne Gessner

COUNSELOR [No nominations from floor allowed]

Rev. Tim Jenks
Rev. Michael Kessler

VP- MISSION GRANTS

Nikki Tyrrell
Myrna Baneck

VP-COMMUNICATION - [possible new office]

Dee Pavicic
Crystal Voth

VP-HUMAN CARE

Carmen Larson
Chantel Zeller

NOMINATING COMMITTEE [One from each zone -
Vote occurs to elect Chairman of Nominating Committee]

Central – Kathy Hay
East – Carolyn Cusher
NE-Evelyn Allensworth
NW – Geneal Roth
SE – Valerie Hauschild
SW – Karen Berg

**Valerie Biberdorf**

vbiberdorf@live.com
Home: Carrington; [Central Zone]
Home Cong: Grace, Carrington
Offices: Choir; VBS, SS teacher;
Altar Guild
LWML Offices:
Unit – Pres, VP, Secy, Treas.
District – Zone President, VP

of Human Care

Personal: HS graduate, 2 yrs college; husband, Rev. Richard; 2 boys, Nathanael (21) & Philip (18)

Favorite Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 4:5-6

“What does LWML mean to me?”: An opportunity to spread the story of Jesus’ love to others

**Paulette Huber**

huber529@msn.com
Home: Dickinson; [SW Zone]
Home Congregation:
Redeemer, Dickinson
Offices: Board of Ed
(organized 2 adult retreats), SS/VBS Teacher and Music; Jr/Sr Choir Director, Soloist & organist

LWML Offices:

Unit – Christian Life, Secretary, VP, Pres

District – Conv Co-Chm; Servant Resources Comm member, SW Zone Pres, VP of Mission Grants; Nom Comm Chair

Community: Music Boosters, DSU Choral Union (Community Choir), Soloist for various events (weddings, funerals, etc.); Pres Elect for Retired Teacher’s Association

Personal: BS Degree from Dickinson State in Vocal Music (English minor); graduate credits during teaching profession; recently retired, but doing part-time and substitute teaching; married for 37 years [Paul]; three children: Allison [33-married], Jesse [30]; & Josh [26-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! (...and of course I love seeing how God multiplies our mites!)

Avonne Gessner

hgogt@srt.com
Home: rural Bottineau; [NW Zone]
Home Cong: Our Savior, Bottineau
Offices: SS Teacher, organist, Worship Comm; Orphan Grain Train & Braille Center volunteer
LWML Offices: *Unit* – Pres, VP, Secy, Treas, Christian Life Chm
District – Fin. Secy; Treas, Bylaws

Comm, Dist Conv Chm; Gifts & Bequests Fund since 1998

Personal: Married to Harold; 3 daughters, 6 grandchildren; PTA Officer

Favorite Bible Verse: Revelation 2:10

“What does LWML mean to me?”: I was introduced to the LWML in 1968 and since then, this organization of sisters in Christ has a very special place in my heart. Reaching out with the love of Jesus around the world is the meaning of our motto: “Serve the Lord with Gladness”. I am grateful to be a small part of being the hands & feet of Jesus, sharing His Gospel message with people around the world.

**Rev. Timothy (Tim) Jenks**

bethelbismarck@hotmail.com

Home: Bismarck, ND; [SW Zone]*Home Cong:* Bethel Luth Church, Bismarck (since '99); also served St. Peter, Graham, NE (90-99)*Offices:* Division of Youth Ministry (2003-09); LLL Zone Counselor, LYF Zone Counselor; N. Bismarck Mission

Action Committee; Homeless Shelter BOD & Treasurer; Community Club & Various mission projects

LWML Offices: NDD Pastoral Counselor (2004-08);*LWML Zone Counselor**Personal:* Married to Michelle 27 yrs.; Andrew (25) & Adam (23)*Favorite Bible Verse:* Psalm 46*"What does LWML mean to me?": Every woman is encouraged to be "Jesus With Skin On" by reaching, caring, & sharing Christ!***Rev. Michael Kessler**

pastorkessler@gra.midco.net

Home: Hillsboro, ND [Eastern Zone]*Home Cong:* St. John, Hillsboro & Grace, Grandin since 2002; also served Concordia Seminary of Fort Wayne 01-02*Offices:* ND Rural Ministry Task Force; Chair, PR Comm for Dist LCMS Conv*LWML Offices:* Eastern Zone Couns (08-12)*Personal:* Married to Jennifer; 3 Children: Hannah [11]; Sophia [8]; Austin [6]; Hillsboro Kiwanis Club and Hillsboro Volunteer Ambulance member*Favorite Bible Verse:* Romans 8:28*"What does LWML mean to me?": The LWML is bold, confessional, Lutheran women committed to sharing the Gospel with whomever they come in contact through word & deed.***Nicole (Nikki) Tyrrell**

tyrrells@ndsupernet.com

Home: Dickinson [SW Zone]*Home Cong:* Redeemer, Dickinson*Offices:* Youth Board Chm, Outreach Bd Chm, SS Teacher*LWML Offices:**Unit* – VP, Pres, Christian Gr. Comm.*District* – Human Care Comm; YWR, Mission Grants Comm, Nom Comm*Personal:* Married to Doug; 4 Daughters: Olivia (20), Lindsay (18), Kelsie (16) & Emily (14); School Board, Booster Club; BS in Communications/ Minor in Human

Development - currently Preschool Dir @ Redeemer Preschool

Favorite Bible Verse: Philippians 3:20*"What does LWML mean to me?": LWML is a place where women are in the Word together, serving the Lord wherever and whenever He calls them.***Myrna Baneck**

jmbaneck@bis.midco.net

Home: Mandan [SW Zone]*Home Cong:* Messiah, Mandan*Offices:* SS Teacher, SS Superintendent, Educ. Chm; VBS Dir, Organist, choir, handbells*LWML Offices:* Pres (2010 to present)*District* – YWR*Personal:* Married to Pastor Jim; Ben (Katie), Joshua, Joseph, Rebakah; grandchildren Anastasia & Hannah; BA in Elem Ed, CSP; Luth School Teacher*Favorite Bible Verse:* Joshua 1:9*"What does LWML mean to me?": Being part of the LWML means that I am equipped with the Word of God and encouraged to use my gifts in service to the Lord in my local congregation, in my community, and throughout the world so that more people will know the love of God through Christ Jesus our Lord.***Delores (Dee) Pavicic**

dhpavic@hotmail.com

Home: Fargo [Eastern Zone]*Home Cong:* Grace, Fargo*Offices:* NDD LCMS PR Committee (87-91); NDD LCMS Oral History recording (87-89)*LWML Offices:**Unit* – Pres, Chr Growth, Program Chm, VP, Publicity, Wedding Chm,*Circle Chm**Zone* - Hillsboro Zone Pres, Chr. Growth*District* – Bylaws Chm; Leadership Training Chm;

Parliamentarian; Dist Pres (1968-72); VP, Mission Ed & Svc Chm; Fall Rally Chm; Nom Comm.

National/International - VP Mission Ed; Conv. Site Comm Chm (95&97); Chm Bequests & Memorials Comm/ Chm Interdepartmental Mtg & Luth Women's Coop. Comm.; Nom. Comm, Quarterly Editor in Chief (87-91), Feature Editor (76-78); Educ. Editor (70-74); Secy/Adm Asst to ILWML Pres (71-75); Other Special Assignments*Personal:* Masters' degrees in English and Business Communication, also Science; Many awards; Owns Custom Travel in Fargo*Favorite Bible Verse:* John 14:6

"What does LWML mean to me?": LWML is a blessing to me. The women of the LWML, who are guided by the Holy Spirit, have showed their love and their expertise abundantly in my life.



Crystal Voth

crystal.voth@sendit.nodak.edu
Home: Minot, ND; [NW Zone]
Home Cong: Our Savior Lutheran Church (OSLC) Minot

Offices: VBS Director (5 years), Women's Ministry team

member at OSLC, EXCEL training, Shepherd's Hill (SHCR) Board member, SHCR art camp instructor, Pastor's wife retreat planning committee member (2 years), Chaperone to National Youth Gathering

LWML Offices: Unit – [Unit is reorganizing]

District – YWR for District and National Conventions (North Wisconsin District), Delegate for Zone at District Convention, participate at 2008 Assembly of Leaders, YWR committee member for District

Personal: BA in Art Education and a BFA in Fine Arts with a concentration in sculpture, I also have a background in Graphic Design and Interior Design. Married to Rev. Daniel; 4 children (Gustave- 6th gr., Lillian- 4th gr., Larz- 2nd gr., Gavin- K)

Favorite Bible Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6 & Philippians 4:13

"What does LWML mean to me?": To be intentional in our service to women of all ages with the clear mission to reach out with the Gospel message.



Carmen Ann Larson

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Home: Jamestown [Central Zone]
Home Cong: Concordia, Jamestown
Offices: SS Superintendent
LWML Offices: Unit – Circle Chm (LaMoure)
District – Christian Life Comm.
Personal: Married to Kevin; 2

grown daughters, one son, Jesse (15); BS in Education, working as Special Ed Strategist; also fitness coach

Favorite Bible Verse: Ephesians 1; Ephesians 3:17-19

"What does LWML mean to me?": A local circle of friends & sisters in Christ. An international circle of sisters in Christ.



Chantel Zeller

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Home: Dickinson; [SW Zone]
Home Cong: Redeemer Luth Church, Dickinson
LWML Offices:
Unit – President, VP
Personal: Southwest Homeless Coalition, Inc. as an advocate and as

the Treasurer; instructor for American Red Cross, Adult/Child/Pediatric First Aid/CPR/AED classes. Education: Masters of Management from U of Mary, BS Therapeutic Recreation/Sociology from UND
Vocation: Human Services/PRIDE Coordinator JSND
Husband (Austin), Daughters (Kylie, Kira)

Favorite Bible Verse: Matthew 10:16

"What does LWML mean to me?": LWML to me is working with fellow ladies/congregation members in collaboration to grow in God's word, assist the community (both local and across seas) in spiritual growth through prayer and study, and by physical assistance with providing needed materials, items, and actual labor when able.

Kathy Hay [Central Zone Nominee]

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Home: Oakes
Home Cong: Trinity English, LaMoure
Offices: Director of Music, Organist, Choir Director
LWML Offices: Christian Growth Chm; Secretary
Personal: 3 Children (Travis, Evan, Ketterling; Kristin Rauh; granddaughter Taylor Rauh; Relay for Life Team Captain; Chomm Choir; BS in Music Ed from Jamestown College; Choral Music Teacher in Oakes
Favorite Bible Verse: Jeremiah 29:11; Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
"What does LWML mean to me?": LWML is our opportunity to put our faith into action - we share the Good News of Jesus Christ by all that we say and do - hands to work, feet to go, lips to proclaim His love, voices to sing, and our will to do His Will.



**Carolyn Cusher** [Eastern Zone

Nominee]

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Home: Fargo

Home Cong: Grace, Fargo

Offices: SS Teacher, SS

Superintendent; Human Care

LWML Offices:

Unit – Pres, VP, Secy, Treas, Program

Chm; Circle Chm

District – Human Care Committee

Personal: Married to George; 2 sons, 1 daughter, 3 grandchildren; LPN/ CPR Trainer

Favorite Bible Verse: John 3:16

“What does LWML mean to me?”: Sharing the love of Christ with those in need.

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at press time**Evelyn Allensworth** [NE Zone

Nominee]

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Home: Grafton

Home Cong: Zion English, Grafton

Offices: SS Teacher, SS

Superintendent; Thrivent Cong.

Rep; Cong. Youth Group Leader,

VBS Teacher & Coordinator; Cong

Rep to National LCMS

Conventions

LWML Offices: Unit – Pres, VP, Secy, Member

Development Chm

District – Nom Comm, Zone Pres

Personal: Son, Zachary (23) and daughter, Laura (17); BS in Educ, Mayville; Concordia St. Paul 1988; BOD of Bethesda Lutheran Homes, Human Rights Comm.

Grafton Ministerial Association; Teacher

Favorite Bible Verse: John 3:16 - Gospel-in-a-nutshell

“What does LWML mean to me?”: Lutheran Women in Action - Right where we are in Jesus

**Geneal Roth** [NW Zone Nominee]

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Home: Minot

Home Cong: St. Mark Lutheran Church, Minot

Offices: SS Teacher, VBS

Director/Teacher, Organist,

Choir member, Worship Team member

LWML Offices:

Unit – Pres, VP, Secy, Christian Ed Comm.; PR Committee

District – Newsletter Editor, PR Director, Travel Coordinator for 1988

National - Program Resources Comm.; currently serving as ghost writer for PR Committee

Personal: Married to Rev. Carlyle - two cats - Taz & Wylee! NDSCS, Minot State University; currently

Communications Coordinator/Innovation Spread Advisor, ND Health Care Review, Inc.

Favorite Bible Verse: Ephesians 2:8-9

“What does LWML mean to me?”: LWML is a opportunity for me to use my time and talents to serve my Lord locally and my treasures to contribute to the expansion of His kingdom worldwide. Being in the company of like-minded, faithful, selfless women has sprred me on in my spiritual journey.

**Valerie Hauschild**

[SE Zone Nominee]

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Home: Breckenridge, MN

Home Cong: Immanuel, Wahpeton, ND

Offices: Choir member, Woship Team member

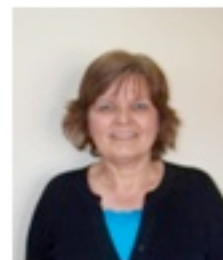
LWML Offices:

Unit – Pres, VP, Secy, Treas.

Personal: Married to Noel, 3 grown children, 1 grandchild; work as Crop Production Asst, SunOpta Sunflower

Favorite Bible Verse: 1 John 1:9

“What does LWML mean to me?”: Women working together to make a difference in the world. It's a wonderful thing!

**Karen Berg** [SW Zone Nominee]

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Home: Dickinson

Home Cong: Redeemer, Dickinson

Offices: Past Christian Ed Board, present Mission & Outreach Board, SS Teacher

LWML Offices:

Unit – past Secy & Christian Life; present Pres

Zone – past Christian Life

Personal: Married to Myron, 2 sons (Daniel & Aaron); Substitute Teacher for Dickinson Public Schools; volunteer for baseball program

Favorite Bible Verse: Romans 8: 38, 39

“What does LWML mean to me?”: LWML provides me with the opportunity for Bible studey, fellowship, and serving with my sisters in Christ and the opportunity to give so that others may know Jesus.

Fold under the answer key BEFORE the test. :)

TEST YOUR BYLAWS KNOWLEDGE

Can you match each question with the correct answer?

- A. Motion
- B. Bylaws
- C. Agenda
- D. Amendment
- E. 6-8 weeks
- F. Quorum
- G. Name, object, members, convention representation, parliamentary authority
- H. Standing Rules
- I. Two-thirds
- J. Rules of Order Newly Revised
- K. Minutes
- L. Unfinished Business
- M. Tenth
- N. Five
- O. Anytime
- P. Elected officers
- Q. Voice vote
- R. Revision
- S. Delegate
- T. Alternate

- ____ 1. What is the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order?
- ____ 2. What is a change to an article of the Bylaws?
- ____ 3. What's the timeline for District Bylaws for review?
- ____ 4. What's one of the five required elements of District Bylaws?
- ____ 5. What can be changed at any Board meeting by majority vote?
- ____ 6. What majority is needed to pass an amendment change?
- ____ 7. How is business brought before the assembly?
- ____ 8. What is the minimum number of members who must be present in order for business to be legally transacted?
- ____ 9. What is business left over from previous meetings?
- ____ 10. Where are the rules of the organizations stated or outlined?
- ____ 11. Where are the actions of a meeting recorded?
- ____ 12. What is the order of business presented at a meeting called?
- ____ 13. What does RONR stand for?
- ____ 14. Number of copies of approved Bylaws to be sent to the Structure Committee
- ____ 15. When can minutes be corrected?
- ____ 16. Who are always members of the Executive Committee?
- ____ 17. What is the most common method of voting?
- ____ 18. What is a complete change of the Bylaws?
- ____ 19. An accredited member of the convention voting assembly
- ____ 20. Who is the delegate's backup?

ANSWER KEY

1. M; 2. D; 3. E; 4. G; 5. H; 6. I; 7. A; 8. F; 9. L; 10. B; 11. K; 12. C; 13. J; 14. N; 15. O; 16. P; 17. Q; 18. R; 19. S; 20. T

Introducing: "A Cup With Kay"

LWML President Kay Kreklau enjoys a cup of tea while reading the Scriptures, or while in prayer. President Kay is inviting you to pray with her, and your brothers and sisters-in-Christ, on Saturday mornings for 9 minutes at 9:00 am. Just as steam from your cup, all prayers will rise up! Check out Facebook at www.facebook.com/TheLWML, or the LWML website at www.lwml.org/missions for monthly mission grant highlights as a suggested focus for your prayers.



What Is a Mentor?

*Editor's Note: Following is an excellent paragraph gleaned from another North Dakota newsletter. Parent mentors and **LWML mentors alike are needed.** Are you mentoring whenever possible?*

Think you know what a mentor is? Try and answer this question, "Where did the term 'Mentor' come from?" Well, it comes from Homer's *Odyssey*, in which a man named Mentor was assigned the task of educating the son of Odysseus. Mentoring in itself has been associated for many years with a variety of activities including counseling, role modeling, job shadowing, advice-giving, and networking. So what does this have to do with you? Pathfinder Parent Center is in need of parent mentors to assist parents and families in navigating the special education process. Want to know how you can help? Contact Teri at (701) 837-7500 or at teri.wilder@pathfinder-nd.org to find out more!

My Pink Scarf, Inc.



The goal of this non-profit organization is to give a pink scarf to every girl or woman who has ever dealt with a form of cancer. It doesn't matter if you are a long time survivor or were recently diagnosed. Scarves are knitted/crocheted by volunteers and can be

given to any woman in the world. A name and complete address is all that is needed. To learn more about the project go to www.mypinkscarf.com. Names and addresses can be emailed to Bismarck resident Mary Ann Anderson at jdanderson44@yahoo.com. Mary Ann will also have a booth at the LWML convention in Grand Forks. Thanks for your help!



Unit News & Ideas

The LWML ladies from Zion, Ellendale, hosted a Christmas cookie exchange on December 3, 2011. Twenty-four ladies attended and enjoyed a devotion based

on the shape of Christmas cookie cutters, a skit entitled "Christmas Wrappings" which helped to remind everyone to think about preparing their hearts and minds for Christ's coming, singing Christmas hymns, fellowship and lunch. Each woman went home with a wonderful selection of cookies to enjoy with family and friends.

Thanks to Carol Kosel for sending in this article and picture. Editor.



2013 Convention in Pittsburgh!

Submitting a Grant Proposal to the LWML 2013 Convention? Proposals for the 2013 Convention in Pittsburgh need to be submitted by September 30, 2012. See the website: www.lwml.org.

The LWML theme and Scripture for the 35th Biennial LWML Convention to be held June 27-30, 2013 in Pittsburgh, PA are: Theme: **Quenched! by the Water** Scripture verse: [Jesus said:] "...but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (John 4:14).

Contact President Sue if you are interested in filling the temporary position of travel coordinator for Pittsburgh.

DISTRICT DATES!!

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

Registration opened April 1st.

+Newsletter deadline [firm] is July 5, 2012. Look for them in your church mailboxes around July 20th. We love your news and pictures, so send in pictures and articles of encouragement.

+ August 18, 2012: transition BOD mtg, Carrington

+District Women's Retreat in Carrington: September 14-16, 2012, with speaker Mary Hilgendorf.

+2012 Fall Rally Dates

The **Fall Rally** theme is "To Every Nation, Tribe, Language and People" is based on Rev. 14:6. (You can also find updates on the district website.)

Zone: Date; Location

Central: September 22; Grace, Carrington

Eastern: Oct 6; St. John, Hillsboro

NE no fall rally

NW: October 20; St. Paul, Minot

SE: TBD; Immanuel, Wahpeton

SW: October 6; Holy Cross, Bismarck

+BOD Meeting: November 10, 2012; Jamestown.

+Kay Kreklau's first convention as LWML President is on June 27-30, 2013 in Pittsburgh, PA. Make a plan to go and be "Quenched! By the Water".

+2014 District Convention will be held sometime between June 20-24, 2014. *The exact dates will be decided after evaluation of the 2012 convention.* Theme has been decided: *Filled & Overflowing*, with the Scripture reference as John 7:37-38 NIV

2012 Women's Retreat Info

Reserve September 14-16, 2012 in Carrington in order to meet our guest speaker and renew friendships of a lifetime! Dr. Mary Hilgendorf currently serves Concordia University Wisconsin as Chair of the Elementary/Middle Education Department. Dr. Hilgendorf often serves as a speaker for various church organizations and faculty inservices. North Dakotans will appreciate her wit and wisdom for years to come! Look on the district website for updates and the registration form this summer.



WANTED by the LWML: Writers to Share Their Talents



Has God given you the gift of writing? Are you willing to use that gift in service to the Lord through LWML? LWML is looking for Bible studies (twenty to thirty minutes long) and sketches that will

enable the women of today to grow in the Lord and impact their world for Christ. Also needed are icebreakers, games, and mixers that will add zest to gatherings, retreats, or meetings. Submissions go through an extensive review before being used by LWML. Prayerfully consider how our Lord might use you in this important way. Thank you in advance. Please send your items to depcl@lwml.org along with your name, address and phone number.

ANNOUNCEMENTS from the DISTRICT

+The Marion Drees estate has sent a generous donation in the amount of \$9,737.00. The ND LWML gratefully recognizes this gift from Marion and Albert Drees family - with our highest praise and thanks to God for this remembrance on behalf of our departed sister in Christ, Marion Drees.

+Thanks to Lorraine Fenske for a generous donation to the District's Foundation account!

+Mite giving is still down on the national level. Please keep this in your prayers and encourage members to give.

+Susie Hiatt has resigned as the store manager, & Karen Loughheed has volunteered to take over the position.

+The LWML unit in Napoleon has disbanded. St. Matthew, Hazen has merged the two societies into one unit.

+“Follow the Leader” is an excellent publication for leaders at all levels. It is available on the LWML website.


+*Reminder to Units:* The Delegate Fund money is paid annually to our Financial Secretary, Sharon Kroeplin. Zone Treasurers collect each unit's contribution; subsequently, Sharon holds the money in a separate fund to pay for the biennial [national] convention.

Pittsburgh will likely be more expensive than Peoria, so be sure to have this money ready in the fall.

+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**, 13861 3rd St. SE, Hope, ND 58046. Sharon reports that all units' Quarterly subscriptions are PAID for 2012!

+Address and Officer changes should be sent - whenever they occur - to Communications Sub-committee member, **Debbie Larson**. Addresses for all district officers are on the district website: www.ndlwml.org. Thank you.

ND District LWML Mission Grants 2010 – 2012

Mission Grant		Amount Budgeted	Amount Paid	Balance as of 4-14-12
Orphan Grain Train – ND Division		\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0
ND Full-time Church Workers' Scholarships		\$35,000	\$35,000	\$0
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	\$0
Martin Luther School Tuition Assistance		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
ND Mission Starts (*Partial Funding)		\$8,500		\$8,500
Mission Grants – Total Goal		\$67,000	\$58,500	\$8,500

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.