

# Lutheran Women's Missionary League North Dakota District

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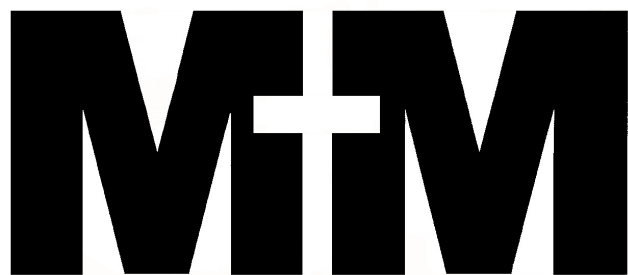
*The  
Messenger*

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

July/August/September 2012

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

ND LWML Fall  
Women's Retreat  
September 14-16, 2012  
Chieftain Conference Center  
Carrington, ND



**Mutual Ministry-  
Serving the Lord Together**

**"And let us consider how we may spur one  
another on toward love and good works."  
Hebrews 10:24**

Guest Speaker: Dr. Mary Hilgendorf

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! Flyers with registration forms were distributed at the district convention and are available from the district website. A packet was given to a representative from each unit, and a copy is also enclosed with this issue of the newsletter packet for your unit. RESERVE your room fast!

*LWML Convention - Pittsburgh PA*

*Quenched! By the Water*

*June 27-30, 2013*

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).*



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.

Exciting speakers will include: Dr. Dien Ashley Taylor, Dr. LuJuana Butts, Donna Pyle, Mia Koehne, and Dr. Victor Belton. Dr. Dina Vendetti will lead convention participants in song. Invite your friends! Mark the dates on your calendar. Make plans today to attend this convention. Hotels in the immediate area will fill quickly!

**Contact President Paulette if you are interested in filling the temporary position of travel coordinator for Pittsburgh. This position needs to be filled SOON!**

## 2013 Banner Design Needed

Please **send your design idea** to President Paulette **by August 15th** for our 2013 District Banner/ Logo design. This banner is carried by the Young Woman Representative and the District President in Pittsburgh. We also display the banner at the 2014 District Convention in Wahpeton. The 2014 theme is *Filled & Overflowing*, with the theme verse as John 7:37-38 NIV.

### [Past] President's Thoughts:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your prayers, support and encouragement during my time as your president. You are all a true blessing from God.

It has been a privilege to serve with all officers and appointed officers and members in every congregation. Each of you is the Face of LWML as you serve in your various congregations. I will continue to keep all of you in my prayers as we continue to Serve the Lord with Gladness with Jesus right where we are.

*Serving with gladness,*

*Sue Corwin*

*Past President, LWML ND District*



## President Paulette Ponders.....

I have been pondering, reflecting, and thanking God for a wonderful convention in Grand Forks this past June. What a special theme to ponder...that "we are with Jesus wherever we are!" We also want to thank all organizers, leaders, speakers, and participants for this convention so we could have a most blessed time together pondering on God's Word and challenging Lutheran Women in Mission to fund new grants in our new 2012-14 biennium.

I ask for your prayers as I ponder this new President position... leading, guiding, and making decisions with your help. Thank you to all the candidates who were willing to run for office. We pray God's blessing on those who will be taking new positions with our district and for those whom God will use mightily in other areas of service. As we ponder our new roles, it is easy to feel timid and uncertain. But once we are called by God, He expects us to use our gifts and not be timid... He promises He will never leave us or forsake us. That promise is for all!



In setting up my signature line for my e-mails, etc., I pondered the verse that we studied in our convention Bible study, to help us all to remember from where our confidence and encouragement comes, "*God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline*" (2 Timothy 1:7). With God's help in this new biennium, let's not just ponder... **Let's PROCLAIM that we can have an attitude of confidence – a "You Go, Women of the LWML" attitude!**

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## Convention Highlights

### Servant Events Results

**68 bags** were decorated for Meals on Wheels

**13 fleece blankets** were tied for foster care children

**129 faith bead bracelets** were made for distribution at the 2013 ND Winter Show

**55 pillowcase dresses** were made for African girls

### Gifts From the Heart Tally

**58 wipes** packages

**41 diaper** packages

**105 towels/washcloths**

**367 baby articles**

**357 toiletry items** (toothbrush/toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant)



The above items were given to the Women's Pregnancy Center and the Red River Valley Community Action - Ernie J. Norman House (homeless house for women and children) in Grand Forks.



### Baby Quilts / Lap Robes

**113 Baby Quilts and 42 lap**

**robes** were in the quilt procession. They will be given to agencies in the Grand Forks area.

**\*\*Gifts of Human Care, because of God's Love\*\***

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## 2012 Convention Offerings

**Thanks** to your generosity, our district collected:

Convention Offering #1 - \$2,572.51

*Goes to District Mites*

Convention Offering #2 - \$2,526.50

*Goes to Mary Okeyo Student Scholarship Fund*

Convention Offering #3 - \$1,974.15

*Goes to Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads*

Pledge Walk - \$3,253.00

*Goes to District Mites*



*Thank the Lord and sing His praise!*

## 2012 Convention Speaker Synopses

KEYNOTE Speaker, Nabil Nour, was unable to be present at our convention due to the hospitalization of his wife. We are happy to report that Jean has been recovering at home since a few days after the convention. God is good!

MISSION Speaker: Pastor Bernhard (Bernie) Seter, Grafton, ND, spoke 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. Pastor's presentation generated much excitement for the great things God is doing in Kenya!

LWML Rep - LWML President Kay Kreklau: Kay spoke passionately about the mission of LWML and how it "does no good to say no [to God]".

Our dear Kay lost her dearest Mark mere days before our LWML District convention. We pray for God's peace to continue to shine in Kay's life during the challenging times ahead.



## Important New Standing Rule Approved by Convention Body

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.

## Three BYLAW CHANGES 2012

The bylaw proposals were all approved by the convention body.

#1: The national level of LWML has deemed that our organizational title's word order is now changed to LWML North Dakota District.

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

#3: Now we have a Communication Committee, headed by newly elected VP of Communication, Crystal Voth. Several appointed offices (Public Relations, Webmaster, News Editor, Database Manager, LWML Store Manager) will be under the direction of the VP of Communication. The District President will continue to have the following appointed personnel under her direct supervision: Bylaws Chairman, Parliamentarian, Archivist/Historian, Gifts & Bequests Chairman, and Meeting/Convention Manager.

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## Convention Entertainment:

Thank God for the Dunavans! Music and message with the Dunavan family highlighted our Monday night of the convention. Dean is the patriarch and drummer of the family. He also happens to be the cousin of Myrna Baneck as well as the nephew of Shirley Hall. The Dunavans are spending the summer touring the western United States, and we were blessed to be one of their stops.

## 2012 DISTRICT CONVENTION -

### Officer Election Results

PRESIDENT

Paulette Huber

TREASURER

Avonne Gessner

COUNSELOR

Rev. Tim Jenks

VP- MISSION GRANTS

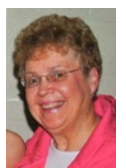
Nikki Tyrrell

VP-HUMAN CARE

Chantel Zeller

VP-COMMUNICATION [new office]

Crystal Voth



NOMINATING COMMITTEE [One from each zone -  
Vote elected Chairman of Nominating Committee]

NW – **Geneal Roth, CHAIRMAN**

Central – Kathie Hay

Eastern – Carolyn Cusher

NE - Evelyn Allensworth

SE –Valerie Hauschild

SW – Karen Berg







Top to bottom: + Board members making final preparations  
 + Why is Debbie Larson so happy? This gal loves LWML!  
 ++Sunday Servant Events: Bracelets & Label-cutting; blankets

Top three pictures: +++Choir at opening worship  
 Bottom: +Fellowship following the worship service at Immanuel, Grand Forks



THIS IS THE WOMEN'S RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM. SEE WEBSITE FOR ADD'L INFO.-Ed.

## Brief Retreat Schedule

### Friday, September 14

**7:00 pm** Registration, Coffee House, Fellowship

### Saturday, September 15:

**7:00 am** Registration

**9:00 am** Opening, Devotions, Bible Study with Pastor Suelzle

**10:45 am** Speaker, Mary Hilgendorf "Encouraged in Heart"

**11:45 am** Lunch

**1:00 pm** Bible Study with Pastor Suelzle

**2:00 pm** Helping Hands Workshop

**3:30 pm** Speaker, Mary Hilgendorf "United in Love"

**5:30 pm** Banquet

**6:45 pm** Games and Variety Show

### Sunday, September 16

**8:00 am** Breakfast

**9:00 am** Worship & Closing

## Ingathering

Bring quilts that are ready to be tied; fleece for children's blankets; Bibles to be marked.

A free will offering will be received to cover the cost of items purchased by the Christian Life Committee and the cost of shipping items.  
Watch the newsletter for more information

## Motel Information

★ *Chieftain Conference Center*  
Call 701-652-3131 for reservations.

Rates (tax not included):

Single room, 1 person: \$55.95 + tax  
Single room, 2 persons: \$60.95 + tax  
Double room, 2 persons: \$65.95 + tax  
Double room, 3 persons: \$70.95 + tax  
Double room, 4 persons: \$75.95 + tax

★ *Carrington Inn & Suites*  
Call 701-652-3982

Rates will be similar to Chieftain Conference Center. Call for details.

## REMEMBER!!!

Make your reservations soon . . .

A limited number of rooms will be held until August 26th.

Please cancel any room reservations that you won't be using.

Please make checks payable to:

**ND District LWML**

Mail registration and check to:

Kathy Cziolek  
1641 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. S  
Fargo, ND 58103

Phone: 701-235-8766  
E-mail: ckfgoers@msn.com

## Retreat Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$65 includes retreat materials & all meals on Saturday & Sunday (\$50 for YWR's)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$55 includes retreat materials & all meals on Saturday

\_\_\_\_\_ (\$40 for YWR's)

Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

Health & Emergency Information

Please list any health conditions, allergies, or medications you are taking that should be considered in case of an emergency \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Please confirm my registration by: \_\_\_\_\_ by e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ by regular mail



Top: Preparing for the baby quilt processional.

Left: The next generation of God's servants, ready with a quilt.

Right: Right-hand-men of District President Paulette - husband Paul (l) and newly elected Junior Counselor, Rev. Tim Jenks (r)

## Pastoral Meditation:

### ***"Being With Jesus . . . Right Where You Are!!"***

*What do you want to be when you grow up?* This is a common question often asked of children. Generally it will elicit some kind of response about a future career. While it is a question which is more appropriate for children, many adults often wonder: *What do I want to be when I grow up?* "When I grow up?" Am I not already grown up?

It is actually a purpose question revealing that the individual feels like the "career" or "vocation" which she is fulfilling at the moment may not necessarily be that which she wishes to do. It can reflect discontentment or simply a feeling of not accomplishing anything "worthwhile" in the daily ho-hum, hum-drum, boredom activities of her life. Some jokingly say "I don't know what I want to be when I grow up!" and they're already in their 60's!!

Unfortunately our culture seems to impress upon us that if we're not accomplishing something which is noticed by others in some way we are not really making a meaningful impact in the lives of others (whatever that means). God says it differently in 1 Corinthians 15:58 → *Therefore, my beloved brothers,*

*be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*

According to this verse, when we "abound in the work of the Lord" our "labor is not in vain." Since this is a promise of God it is important to take heed of what this means!

When most people hear the phrase "the work of the Lord" they may think of full time church workers (i.e. pastors; Lutheran school teachers; Directors of Christian Education; Certified Lay ministers; etc.). Or they may think of serving in the church as an officer, on a board or some other "organizational" capacity. However, that is much too narrow of a view of "working for the Lord." Actually, it reflects your identity as Christ's disciple and how the Holy Spirit is at work through you in those everyday ho-hum, hum-drum, boredom activities of your life!!! Thus, who you are **in Christ** affects what you're doing at the moment—or more correctly, what the Holy Spirit is doing through you at the moment!!

This means that when you're doing the dishes, you're working for the Lord!! When you change that poop diaper, you're working for the Lord!! When you're doing what your job requires of you, you're working for the Lord!! When you're visiting with your friend, family member or relative, you're working for the Lord!! Working for the Lord is a description of **who** you are **in Christ** - not necessarily what you're doing at the moment.

Colossians 3:23-24 puts it this way: *Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.* You see, we "abound in the work of the Lord" by simply being who we are **in Christ** as we do our daily tasks!! The purpose of the task is found **in Christ**. We desire to do all of our tasks, to fulfill all our vocations in life (such as wife; mother; co-worker; LWML member; church member; choir member; Sunday school teacher; auxiliary member; organizational officer; etc.) with the attitude that we're serving Christ, not people!! In other words, we are being with Jesus right where we're at and **He is doing great things through us!!**

It doesn't matter if we see the results, because the results actually belong to God! That's what it means in 1 Corinthians 10:31 when it says: *whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.* We want Him to be

glorified in our work! Thus, the results belong to Him!! We simply strive to be faithful to Him right where we are—in the everyday ho-hum, hum-drum, boredom activities of our daily lives!!! The purpose is found **in Christ**. The meaning of those activities is bound up **in Christ**. The motivation for doing them is who we are, right where we are **in Christ!!**

So . . . serve the Lord with gladness right where you are!! He will bring the blessings in His time, in His way, for His purpose!! He is doing great things through you!!

—*Pastor Dave Suelzle, Senior Counselor*

### Unit News & Ideas

The Communication Committee craves your local information, especially pictures. An old idea to you might be just the new idea for which another unit is searching! Send it in to VP Crystal ([communication@ndlwml.org](mailto:communication@ndlwml.org)).

### Mission Grant Deadline Looms for 2013-15!

Submitting a Grant Proposal to the LWML 2013 Convention in Pittsburgh? Proposals need to be submitted by **September 30, 2012**. See the website: [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).

### DISTRICT DATES!!

+Newsletter deadline is September 5, 2012. Look for the new issue in your church mailboxes around the end of September. We love your news and pictures, so send in pictures and articles of encouragement to VP Crystal Voth.

+ August 18, 2012: transition BOD mtg, Carrington  
+District Women's Retreat in Carrington: September 14-16, 2012, with speaker Mary Hilgendorf.  
LWML Sunday Observance is traditionally the first Sunday in October. LCMS President Pastor Harrison wrote this year's service. Make plans to use this resource in your congregation.

### +2012 Fall Rally Dates

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

### Zone: Date; Location; Speaker

Central: September 22; Grace, Carrington; Kyle Novak

Eastern: Oct 6; St. John, Hillsboro; Project 24

NE no fall rally

NW: October 20; St. Paul, Minot; Dr. James Lamb (LFL)

SE: TBD; Immanuel, Wahpeton

SW: October 6; Holy Cross, Bismarck

+BOD Meeting: November 10, 2012; Jamestown.

+Young Women's Retreat will be in Bismarck area on Saturday, **March 16, 2013**.

+Kay Kreklau's first convention as LWML President is on June 27-30, 2013 in Pittsburgh, PA. Make a plan SOON 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 evaluating the 2012 convention on August 18th.* Theme has been decided: *Filled & Overflowing*, with the theme verse as John 7:37-38 NIV

### Power OF Prayer WarriorS PleasE PraY With US:

\*Prayer of thanksgiving for successful and inspirational convention.

\*We pray for healing for Kathie Hay's mother, Avelon Ulmer, who is recovering from cancer surgery. Kathie is the Nominating Committee member for the Central Zone.

\*Prayers are requested for Kathy Huettl, former District News Editor, who is recovering from shoulder surgery and is mourning the death of her sister Joyce from cancer.

*Contact President Paulette if you'd like to request prayer warriors.*

### 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](mailto:depcl@lwml.org) along with your name, address and phone number.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS from the DISTRICT

+The district has purchased the Bible Study Your Strong Suit and is available for use in your congregation. Contact President Paulette if you'd like to borrow this new resource.

+Mission-Ministry-Vision program has been discontinued at the national level. If you have any questions or concerns about starting or maintaining a local LWML unit, please contact President Paulette.

+LWML ND Store was successful at District Convention. Look for the store again at the Women's Retreat in



Carrington, run by our new store manager, Karen Lougheed.

+A Committee has been appointed to explore possibilities of convening at the same time and location as LLL ND District. Contact a committee member if you'd like to provide input: Shirley Hall, Carmen Larson, Avonne Gessner.

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

*+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 bring this money to your zone's fall rally.*

+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 Communication Committee member, **Debbie Larson**. Addresses for all district officers are on the district website: [www.ndlwml.org](http://www.ndlwml.org). Thank you.

+All Mission Grants for 2010-2012 biennium were paid in full! Praise God from whom all blessings flow!!

## YOUNG WOMAN REPRESENTATIVE LWML CONVENTION 2013

**DEADLINE: November 1, 2012!!**


**Qualifications**

1. Any mature young woman who is preferably 18-35 years of age and a member of the LCMS may become a Young Woman Representative at the LWML Convention.
2. She shall have a deep love and devotion to her Lord Jesus Christ and be willing to participate in all aspects of this program of the LWML.
3. She shall be able to be away from home and/or work for the entire convention and travel time.
4. She shall be willing to attend all sessions of the convention, sitting in assigned seating, though she will not be able to vote.
5. She shall complete the application form and return it to the Vice President of Servant Resources.

**Expectations**

1. She will attend all sessions of the LWML Convention and all activities for Young Women Representatives.
  2. She will give a report to the ND District Convention following the LWML Convention.
  3. She will commit herself to involvement in her local, zone, and district LWML activities, including support of young women's functions.
  4. She shall be willing to share her impressions and experiences in the LWML ND District Messenger and the ND District Supplement to the Lutheran Witness.
  5. She will keep an accurate and detailed record of her expenses with receipts and submit them to the District LWML Financial Secretary for reimbursement. The ND LWML will cover registration, housing, meals, and travel expenses.
- See webpage ([www.ndlwml.org](http://www.ndlwml.org)) for Application form.**

## ND District LWML Mission Grants 2012 – 2014

Mission Grant		Amount Budgeted	Amount Paid	Balance as of 6-24-2012
ND Full-time Church Workers' Scholarships		\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000
Orphan Grain Train—North Dakota		\$7,500	\$0	\$7,500
Project 24—Orphanages in Kenya		\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
Restoring Security for His Children—Minot Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch		\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
Women's & Children's Shelter at Standing Rock		\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
Carolyn Walsh, Lutheran Bible Translator Missionary to Botswana, Africa		\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000
Christ the Way Radio Ministry, Jamestown, ND		\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
Martin Luther School Tuition Assistance, Bismarck, ND		\$2,850	\$0	\$2,850
Veterans of the Cross [partial funding]		\$650	\$0	\$650
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$68,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$68,000</b>

*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.*