

# The Messenger

News for Women in Mission

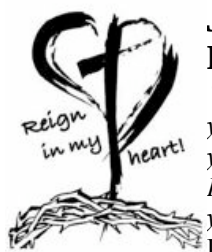


## January/February/March/April/May 2010

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

**Editor's note:** Co-chairmen Debbie and Eileen Larson and the entire Southwest Zone convention committee are nearing completion of the preparations for the best fun and inspiration we can have! Most of this newsletter is dedicated to convention information. This newsletter also serves as the CALL TO CONVENTION PACKET which has been mailed out separately to units in the past.

## ND District LWML Convention



**June 18-20, 2010**

**Ramkota Inn, Bismarck**

*"And now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul."*

Deuteronomy 10:12

### Convention Goal and Objectives:

Reaffirm that Jesus will Reign in My Heart! and live every moment for Him and to His glory.

- My hope is in Jesus, who has secured my salvation and He will Reign in My Heart!
- Assured in that hope, I find peace in all circumstances.
- I will remain in God's Word and Work, and confidently reach out with acts of love and the Gospel message.

Make plans to attend the 34th Biennial ND LWML Convention to be held June 18-20 at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck where women of the LWML will gather together for Bible study, prayer, singing praises to our God, listening to mission speakers, choosing missions that will receive grants, electing officers, eating great food, fellowship and FUN - all as we let Jesus **Reign in our Heart!**

Here are some of the highlights:

- A free **'Food from the Bible' supper** will be served from 5:00-6:30pm at Zion for all to enjoy.
- **Opening worship** service on Friday evening will be at Zion Lutheran Church at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome!
- **Offerings** will go to Mites, Holy Cross Lutheran Church (Bismarck's mission start), and the

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

Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones, in Mexico, & Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads.

- Your **Gifts from the Heart** will be collected and distributed to area organizations.
- **Servant events** include helping at Martin Luther School, clean-up outdoors for the Park Service, sorting items at a thrift store, cutting soup labels, highlighting receipts, or cutting out caps for cancer patients.
- **Free daycare** at a licensed facility for pre-registered children ages 12 and under is available on Saturday.
- **Dr. Mary Hilgendorf**, Director of the Women's Leadership Institute at Concordia University Wisconsin, will be our keynote speaker. You will not only find her inspiring, but also laugh-out-loud funny!
- LWML's recording secretary **Judy Carlson**, from Paola, Kansas will be our LWML Representative.
- Our mission speaker will be **Melissa Salomón**. Melissa was on the cover of the Winter 2007 Quarterly. Her stories will touch your heart.
- A **Saturday evening concert** starring the Christian duo Tangled Blue.
- **Baby quilts** and **Alzheimer patients' lap blankets** will be donated to area organizations.
- **Activities for teens** (ages 12-17) include a trip to the amusement park.
- **Activities for young women** (ages 18-35) including complimentary Saturday luncheon and nightly get-togethers.

Please reserve your room at the Ramkota early as the LWML block of rooms will only be held for us at our price of \$89 until May 20<sup>th</sup> [701-258-7700].

Encourage young women and all your women to attend convention so they, too, can be strengthened in faith and purpose by the convention theme of **Reign in My Heart**.

See you June 18-20 in Bismarck.

**Reign in my heart, Jesus!**

*[See inside newsletter for particulars on these highlights:]*

**President's Message**

We are all looking forward to spring. We have enjoyed the beauty of the winter season with the white snow. The white snow reminds us that we are washed clean by Jesus' death on the cross. When the snow begins to melt it becomes dirty and does not look very pretty anymore. When we look at the dirt we are reminded of our sins. Then the spring rains come and wash the dirt away. The rain reminds us of our baptism and that we are washed clean from our sins and made new in Jesus.

We have been given a gift as it says in Ephesians 2:8 "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God". We thank God for this gift and for sending His Son so that we may live with Him forever and know that we are forgiven.

The trees will soon be budding and the tulips will soon be poking their heads out of the ground and we can be reminded that all things are made new as God has renewed us by making us His child and taking away our sins.



May you have a blessed spring and rejoice in our risen Savior. He is Risen, He is Risen indeed. Alleluia  
Serving with Gladness  
Sue Corwin  
ND LWML President

**SERVANT EVENTS on June 18<sup>th</sup>**

Servant events will be held Friday afternoon between 1:00 and 4:00 pm.

The following three events will be held at the Ramkota. Come when you can and stay as long as you'd like:

\* Cutting soup labels and boxtops. Please bring all labels and box tops you may have even if you are not doing this servant event.

\* Highlighting Central Market receipts for Martin Luther School

\* Cutting out patterns for Kathy's Kaps for cancer patients. The kaps require 3/4 yard of soft cotton print fabric.

Donations of fabric are welcome, even if you do not plan on participating in this servant event.

There will be three off-site servant events:

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\* Martin Luther School - Summer cleaning of classrooms and school plus some painting. The school is located at 413 E Ave E, Bismarck. Volunteers may just go directly to the school any time after 1 pm and join in the cleaning and painting. Bring appropriate clothing. Materials will be provided.

\*Bismarck Parks & Recreation - Park clean-up, painting, etc. It will be great to be visible in the community! This will be outdoors, wherever the Park Board asks us to go in Bismarck. Volunteers will meet at the Ramkota (Entrance #3) at 1 pm for directions and instructions.

\*AARC Seeds of Hope Store - Sorting items and clothes at store. The store is located at 520 E Main Ave, Bismarck, from 1:00pm-2:30pm, or from 2:30pm-4:00pm. Meet at the store at your chosen time - please indicate your choice on the registration form. Volunteers will be sent a letter noting directions once registrations have been received.

Please sign up for off-site servant events on the registration form. Each individual attending an off-site servant event will be responsible for their own transportation. Directions will be provided.

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The offerings for the district convention will be:

- 1) Mites
- 2) Holy Cross Lutheran Church (Bismarck's mission start)
- 3) Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones in Mexico & Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, St. John, ND(50-50).

**Friday Supper Features  
Food from the Bible**

The ladies of the Southwest Zone invite you to a free 'Food from the Bible' Supper, 5:00-6:30pm, before the opening worship service at Zion Lutheran Church, 413 E Ave D, Bismarck. They will serve a lentil pilaf, fruit glazed chicken, tossed greens, rustic breads, olives, and fruit and nut desserts. The Christian duo of Tangled Blue will entertain you. What a great way to enjoy the fellowship of the LWML! Everyone is welcome.

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**Baby Quilts & Lap Blankets**

On Saturday, we will again have a procession of baby quilts (sized approx. 3'X5'), and have added Alzheimer patient's lap blankets (sized approx. 3'X3'). The baby quilts will be donated to the Lutheran Social Services Healthy Families program, and the lap blankets will be donated to area nursing homes. You may make and donate as many as your unit would like.

For the Alzheimer lap blankets, you may use a variety of fabrics -flannel, corduroy, nubby fabric and others – to create a quilt that appeals to the patient's touch. Using different colors and designs also will give the quilt appeal.

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**Free Daycare on Saturday**

Parents, take advantage of the free daycare on Saturday! This will allow you to participate in the convention activities. The Noah's Ark Daycare is owned by a member of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church and is a licensed daycare five minutes from the Ramkota Hotel. Free daycare is offered on Saturday

from 7:30 am - 5:30 pm. Upon receiving your registration, more information will be mailed to you. Saturday night, your children can enjoy chicken strips or hamburger, while you enjoy the roast turkey dinner at the Ramkota, followed by a wonderful concert (free to children). A parade of the children is planned in the convention hall on Sunday morning for those who attend. And we know your kids will love the water park right inside the hotel! Bring the swim suits!

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### Ramkota Meals

The Ramkota is known for serving wonderful meals. The meals chosen for this convention are:

- Sat. & Sun. Breakfasts: *Scrambled eggs, bacon & sausage, breakfast potatoes, pastries & muffins, juice, coffee, and tea*
- Sat. Lunch: *A deli buffet including Louise, I have to get this for you!*
- Sat. Supper: *A roast turkey meal including their famous popovers, green salad, roast turkey, dressing, potatoes and gravy, dessert, and drinks.*

You may choose to purchase the whole meal plan, which includes Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner, and Sunday breakfast, or you may choose to purchase the meals individually. A child's dinner is available for Sunday night also.

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### Tangled Blue Performance on Saturday evening

Each registration includes a ticket to the Saturday evening performance; but if you would like to purchase extra tickets for \$7 for family and friends, you may do so on the registration form and tickets will be waiting for you at registration. You may also purchase tickets at the door. This concert is free for children 12 and under.

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The LWML Store will be located in the convention hall this time. Many booths, including a CPH store, will be located in the Courtyard of the Ramkota Inn. Don't miss out!

## SPECIAL GUESTS & SPEAKERS:

### Musical Entertainment:

*[the following information is from their website:]*

Tangled Blue began in the



winter of 1995 when the duo first met, but they didn't realize it until five years later. In the summer of 2000, Aimée (vocals, percussion) and Joel (vocals, guitar) performed together for the first time.

In September of 2001 Aimée and Joel were married and would soon start performing together as Tangled Blue. Tangled Blue's first recording was completed in early 2003. Recorded at a farm house in Menomonie, Wisconsin, it is a caffeinated folk-rock blend of songs that have shown their durability as the duo traveled with them over 333,000 miles of U.S.

highways in a VW van. In 2005 Aimée and Joel relocated to Texas and in early 2007 left for an extended tour that has taken them from Texas to Hawaii to Florida to the Dakotas and everywhere in between. With a new residence in Minneapolis Minnesota, Tangled Blue completed a new recording based on the season of Advent in November of 2008.

*OK, so what does Tangled Blue sound like?*

It is a unique sound that incorporates Latin and electronic percussion as well as acoustic and electric guitars. This music was created largely in front of audiences, so it is designed to engage the listener. Hearing these troubadours in concert with their infectious melodies and stories is an experience the listener won't soon forget. Tangled Blue performs throughout the U.S. at churches, coffee shops, colleges and festivals.

### National LWML Representative:

Recording Secretary Judy Carlson is "hooked"



on LWML. One of her greatest desires is to serve God, and the LWML provides her opportunities to love and help others. Judy's focus on encouraging and motivating others has roots in her own LWML experience. Judy was mentored by a dear friend who gently nudged, and sometimes pushed, her to step out and take risks and responsibilities in service through LWML. Looking back, Judy is glad that she stepped out of her comfort zone and into leadership roles in her society, zone, and district. She focuses on her favorite Bible verse as she enters into uncharted territory: *"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"* (Psalm 27:1-2).

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Dr. Mary Hilgendorf serves as Professor of



Education and Ambassador for the Women's Leadership Institute at Concordia University Wisconsin. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Concordia University at Seward, Nebraska, and received her Ph.D. in Educational Foundations from Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Prior to accepting the call to Concordia in 1992, Mary taught in Lutheran schools in Arkansas, Florida, and Wisconsin. Mary gives presentations and leads Bible studies for women's groups throughout the country to encourage and equip women



for Christian leadership. Her presentations are lively, humorous, and thought-provoking with a sound Biblical message and foundation. Mary grew up in Chester, Illinois, and she still thinks of Southern Illinois as home.

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### Mission Speaker:

**Melissa Salomón, J.D.** is the director of the Lutheran Hour Ministries, Mexico office located in Tijuana, México. In Latin America, the ministry is known as Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones. In Mexico its major focus is outreach, direct community service, evangelism and mission support and training along the border region.

She is an adult convert who came to know



the Lord through a Spanish speaking ministry of the LCMS. As a Mexican- American, she is a product of two cultures and is personally committed to serving as a bridge between these cultures within the LCMS: Melissa is very active within the LWML and is cofounder of the Heart to Heart Sisters program which seeks to provide opportunities for service and leadership to ethnic women of the LCMS for the benefit of ministry within the church-at-large. Melissa is often asked to speak at conventions, workshops, retreats and zone rallies. She presented a plenary session at the 2008 Assembly of Leaders on intercultural learning.

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## Be Sure to Check Out the Servant Resources Activities at Convention

### Teens! Teens! Teens! Teens! Teens! Friends Into Serving Him

All teens (13-17) attending the Convention are invited to join Pastor Fenske for a FUN afternoon at the **AMUSEMENT PARK**. Gather in the lobby of the Ramkota (at Noon on Saturday, June 19). You'll meet other teens attending the convention and experience a great afternoon of fellowship together.

JUST FOR TEENS!

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All Young Women (ages 18-35) attending the Convention are invited to informal gatherings in poolside room at the Ramkota after the scheduled events on both Friday and Saturday evenings. Come to relax, network with other Young Women and share new ideas. There will also be a special luncheon for the Young Women on Saturday, June 19, with guest speaker, **Judy Carlson**. Upon arrival at the convention, check for further details for room locations, etc.

### Stop by the Servant Resources Booth

#### And...Learn more about:

☺Friends Into Serving Him – new LWML Teen program

☺MMV – Mission Ministry Vision Consultant – and how they can assist your society/ unit.

All LWMLers – If you haven't filled out a Personnel Profile Sheet, one will be included in your registration bag. Please take a moment to fill it out during the convention and return it to the box located at the Servant Resources booth.

Young Women – It is already that time again! Think about completing an application to be ND's Young Woman Representative at the Peoria convention in 2011. Applications available at our booth.

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## MISSION SERVICE: GIFTS FROM THE HEART

One of the goals and objectives for this convention is: "I will remain in God's Word and Work, and confidently reach out with acts of love and the Gospel message." These Gifts from the Heart are opportunities to fulfill that goal.

There will be **four opportunities** to show Jesus' love through our tangible gifts of caring.

### \* Cancer Care Center in Bismarck

~Caps, knitted or any other kind

~New or used wigs

\* Martin Luther School - Art/school supplies that normally are bought by and come out of teachers' pockets.

Teacher Wish List

~ Kleenex (all grades)

~ Reams of 20 lb white or pastel colored copy paper (all grades)

~ Band-Aids, assorted sizes (all grades)

~ Clorox wipes (all grades)

~ Dry erase markers (all grades)

~ Zip lock bags, all sizes, incl jumbo (all grades)

~ Crayola Model Magic (all grades)

~ Staples, Office Max, Hobby Lobby, Walmart \$5 gift cards (all grades)

~ Google eyes (Preschool, Kindergarten)

~ Foam shapes, letters, numbers (Preschool, K, 1st)

~ Glitter, craft pom poms, pipe cleaners, cotton balls (Preschool, Kindergarten, 1st)

~ Bags of suckers, Starbursts, Jolly Ranchers (2nd)

~ \$1 items for treasure box (2nd)

~ Pens, pencils, crayons, markers, erasers (2nd, 3rd, 4th)

~ Multiplication & division flash cards (4th)

~ Foil, plastic wrap, wax paper, paper plates & cups (4th)

~ Crayola washable & Sharpie perm. markers (5th)

~ Burnable CDs (5th)

~ Bulletin board letters (6th)

~ Post-it sticky flags - to mark pages (6th)

Please make an effort to spread your gift(s) over several grade levels.

### \* Ronald McDonald House

~ Gift certificates for fast food, grocery stores, Target

~ Postage stamps

~ Share-a-Night \$10 donations (envelopes will be available at the convention)

\* Pam's House - (run by Abused Adult Resources Center, provides temporary shelter for women & children of abuse.)

~ Disposable diapers, all sizes

~ Diaper wipes

~ Lysol, Pine-Sol

~ Alarm clocks

~ Toothpaste, hair products

~ Tylenol and cold medicine, adults & children

## **Official Call to Convention!**

Members of the North Dakota LWML: this newsletter is your official Call to Convention! *“Reign in My Heart”* is the theme for our convention and our theme verse is *“And now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.”* Deut. 10:12.

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

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

Serving with Gladness,

Sue Corwin

North Dakota LWML President

## **MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS 2010-2012**

### **MG 701--\$5,000**

#### **Missionary Setup Fund for Lutheran Bible Translators**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **MG 703--\$4,000**

#### **Food Bank @ Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **MG 704--\$6,000**

##### **Grace Place Lutheran Retreats for ND LCMS Church Workers**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **MG 705--\$5,000**

##### **Pregnancy Help Services**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **MG 706--\$7,500**

##### **Orphan Grain Train—ND Division**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **MG 707--\$4,000**

##### **Production of Large-Type Materials**

##### **Lutheran Blind Mission**

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

Needs: Paper, spines, envelopes, etc.

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS: The calendars present an annual Biblical theme with each month presenting a Scripture verse relating to the theme and serve as an outreach tool for Lutheran Blind Mission, a partner with LCMS World Mission in the Ablaze! Movement, to enable visually-impaired people to hear and share the Good News of Jesus; and

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

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

#### **MG 708--\$3,000**

##### **Christ the Way**

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

Needs: Radio air time, tapes, and postage.

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

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

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

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

#### **MG 709--\$2,000**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **MG 710--\$3,000**

##### **Equipment for Deaf Mission Training**

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**MG 711--\$1,500**

**Grace Lutheran School—Laptop Projectors**

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

Need: 2 projectors

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**MG 712--\$2,500**

**Project Vietnam (Vietnam Day Care)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**MG 718—\$35,000**

**ND Full-time Church Workers' Scholarships**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**MG 720--\$10,000**

**ND Mission Starts**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**MG 722--\$2,500**

**Crosspointe Lutheran Church Sunday School Curriculum and Easter/Christmas Outreach**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Mission Grants Proposed but not Recommended at this Time**

**MG 702--\$5,000**

**LCMS Joint Seminary Fund**

**MG 714--\$3,600**

**LCMS Campus Ministry Training**

**MG 715--\$4,000**

**Shepherd's Canyon Retreat Ministry**

**MG 719--\$3,000**

**Chaplaincy "Techno Care"**

**Anne Carlsen Center**

**MG 721--\$3,000**

**The People's Diversity Forum**

**MG 723--\$5,000**

**Trinity/HOPE - Feeding Children in Lutheran Schools in Haiti**

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

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

### **Existing bylaws read:**

### **If adopted, will read:**

#### **ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

##### **Section 5**

The Vice President of Servant Resources shall:

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

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

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

### **Existing bylaws read:**

#### **ARTICLE XII – STANDING COMMITTEES**

##### **Section 1**

The Standing Committees shall be Bylaws, Christian Life, Human Care, Mission Grants, and Servant Resources.

### **If adopted, will read:**

##### **Section 1**

The standing committees shall be Bylaws, Christian Life, Human Care, Mission Grants, Servant Resources, and Young Women.

##### **Section 7**

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

##### **Section 7**

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

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

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

**Existing bylaws read:**

ARTICLE XV - MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS

Section 1

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

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

**Existing bylaws read:**

ARTICLE XX - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

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

**If adopted, will read:**

Section 1

Mission grant proposals shall be submitted in resolution form to the Vice President of Mission Grants at least six (6) months prior to the District Convention. Proposals may be submitted by LWML members, societies, units, zones, and LCMS Boards.

**If adopted will read:**

ARTICLE XX – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

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

## Biographies of Nominees for District LWML Offices

### NOMINEES FOR VICE PRESIDENT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE



**Kathleen (Kathy) Cziok** [pronounced “Chuck”]

*Home:* south Fargo

*Home Congregation:* Grace, Fargo

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

*LWML Offices:*

*Unit –* Christian Growth, VP, President, Circle Chair

*District –* Christian Growth Committee, Nominating Committee Chair

*Community Involvement:* Serve meals at Churches United for Homeless

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

*Favorite Bible Verse:* Hebrews 12:1-2

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





### **Dorothea (Dottie) Sincebaugh**

*Home:* south Fargo

*Home Congregation:* Grace, Fargo

*Offices:* SS Teacher, SS Superintendent, Stewardship Committee

*LWML Offices:*

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

*District* – Zone President, Member Development, Bylaws, Parliamentary, President

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

*Community Involvement:* Relay for Life Team Captain

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

*Favorite Bible Verse:* Jeremiah 29:11

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

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

### NOMINEE FOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR SERVANT RESOURCES



### **Eileen Larson**

*Home:* west Bismarck

*Home Congregation:* Bethel, Fargo

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

*LWML Offices:*

*Unit* – Society Secretary for six years

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

*National* – Young Woman Representative to Tampa

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

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

*Favorite Bible Verse:* 1 John 4:19

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

## NOMINEE FOR RECORDING SECRETARY



### **Rita Kaeding**

*Home:* Devils Lake

*Home Congregation:* St. Peter, Devils Lake

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

*LWML Offices:*

*Unit –* VP, Christian Life Committee

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

*Community Involvement:* Devils Lake Elks Community Band member

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

*Favorite Bible Verse:* Galatians 5:22-23

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

## NOMINEE FOR FINANCIAL SECRETARY



### **Sharon Kroeplin** [pronounced Crow-pleen]

*Home:* Hope

*Home Congregation:* Trinity, Hope

*Offices:* SS Teacher, Altar Committee

*LWML Offices:*

*Unit –* President, VP, Treasurer, Christian Growth

*District –* Mission Grants Committee

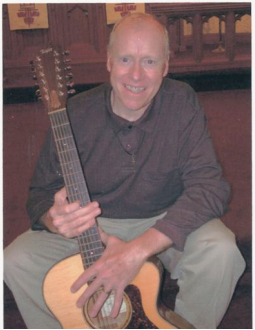
*Community Involvement:* Township Clerk, Volunteer for American Cancer Society, Advisory Board member for the Hope Area Endowment Fund

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

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

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

## NOMINEE FOR PASTORAL COUNSELOR

**David K. Suelzle** [pronounced Sillz –lee]

*Home:* south Fargo

*LCMS Offices:*

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

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

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

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

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

## NOMINEES FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR [ONE FROM EACH ZONE]

**Carol Kosel**

*Home:* Ellendale

*Home Congregation:* Zion, Ellendale [Central Zone]

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

*LWML Offices:*

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

*Zone* – Human Care Committee, Central Zone VP

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

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

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

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

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



### **Ruth Walsh**

*Home:* north Fargo

*Home Congregation:* Grace, Fargo [Eastern Zone]

*Offices:* Financial Secretary, VBS Director, SS Teacher

*LWML Offices:*

*Unit –* Circle Chair, Christian Growth, President

*District –* Recording Secretary

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

*Favorite Bible Verse:* Philippians 4:13

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

### **Judy A. Ill** [no picture available]

*Home:* Cavalier

*Home Congregation:* Our Savior, Cavalier [Northeast Zone]

*LWML Offices:*

*Unit –* President, Vice President, Secretary, Christian Growth

*Community:* Meals on Wheels President

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

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

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

### **Susan Hiatt**

*Home:* Bottineau

*Home Congregation:* Our Saviors, Bottineau [Northwest Zone]

*Offices:* SS Teacher, Congregation Secretary, Fellowship Committee

*LWML Offices:*

*Unit/Zone –* Secretary, President, Zone officer

*District –* LWML Store Manager, Zone Representative at national Convention

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

*Favorite Bible Verse:* Jeremiah 29:11

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



### **Phyllis Lentz**

*Home:* Lidgerwood

*Home Congregation:* Immanuel, Lidgerwood [Southeast Zone]

*Offices:* care of communion ware

*LWML Offices:*

*Unit –* President, Secretary, Christian Growth

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

*National –* Have attended 13 national conventions

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

*Favorite Bible Verse:* 1 Peter 5:7

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



### **Paulette Huber**

*Home:* south Dickinson

*Home Congregation:* Redeemer, Dickinson [South west Zone]

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

*LWML Offices:*

*Unit –* Christian Life, Secretary, VP, President

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

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

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

*Favorite Bible Verse:* Psalm 121; Galatians 5:22

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



## Another Convention Feature:



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

## CONVENTION AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

### Friday, June 18

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

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

### Saturday, June 19

6:30 – 7:45 AM – Breakfast served in Lamborn Room  
 7:00 AM – Single-Day Registration begins  
 7:30 AM- 5:30 PM – Daycare open for registered children @ Noah's Ark Daycare  
 8:00 AM – Processional begins @ Dakota Ballroom  
 Business & Mary Hilgendorf

Noon – Teens Meet at Exit #3 (near Lamborn Room) to go on outing with Pastor Fenske)

12:30 PM – Lunch served in Lamborn Room  
 (Young Women eat with Judy Carlson in another room)

1:30 PM – Baby Quilt Procession; Business & Melissa Salomón & Judy Carlson

5:30 PM – adjournment for the evening

7:00 PM – Meal begins in Lamborn Room

8:00 PM – Tangled Blue Concert in Dakota Ballroom  
 later – Young Women & Teens meet with Melissa Salomón

### Sunday, June 20

6:30 – 7:45 Breakfast served in Lamborn Room

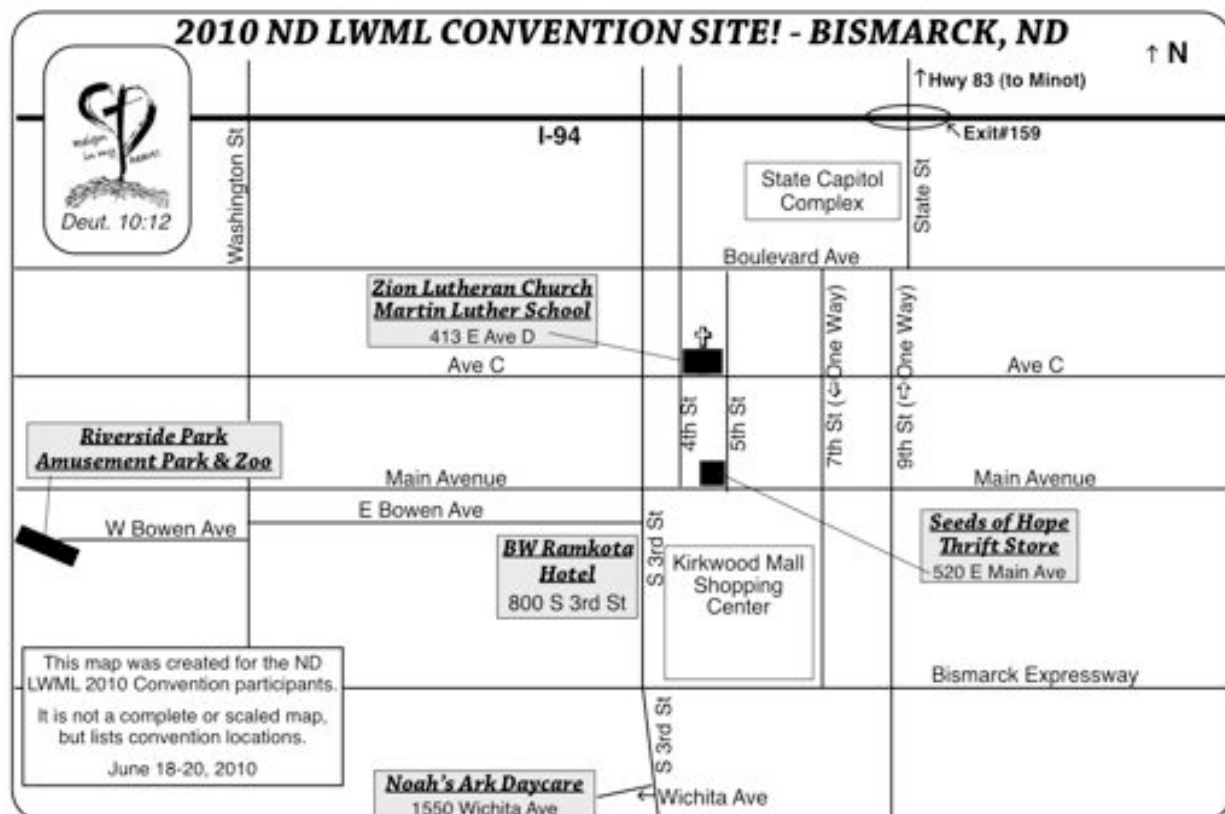
8:30 AM - Meeting Re-convenes

Business & YWR Presentation

?? – Sunday Worship begins in Dakota Ballroom

12:00 PM – Convention concludes

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



## New Products to help you "Serve the Lord With Gladness":

### LWML FAITH TALK® PROJECT COMPLETED



The *Faith Talk*® project initiated by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) in 2006 is the organization's response to the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod's (LCMS) *Ablaze!* movement. This facilitator-led DVD workshop has been developed for use by women of the LCMS and in sponsored events through LWML districts and zones.

The goal of the *Faith Talk*® outreach training program is that each woman will be compelled to share the gospel, pray for and recognize opportunities to do so, and then confidently live and speak her faith.

## ZONE SPRING 2010 RALLIES

Central: April 24 Carrington "AOL"

Eastern: April 10 Trinity, Hope "A Healing Touch"

Northeast: May 8 Grafton "Active in Sharing"

Northwest: April 17 St. Paul, Minot "Survive? Thrive!"

Southeast: April 24 Peace, Barney "Celebration of Life"

Southwest: April 24 Trinity, Hazen "Thirsty? Afternoon Tea With the Ladies"

## ZONE FALL 2010 RALLIES

Central: October 9 Concordia, Jamestown

Eastern: October 9 Grace, Cooperstown

Northeast: no rally

Northwest: September 25 St. Mark, Minot

Southeast: September ?18 St. John, Belcourt

Southwest: October 2 or 9 Underwood

From: Lutheran Disaster Response/Lutheran Social Services of ND  
February 2010

## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF DRIVE

Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota teams with Midwest Motor Express each spring to collect and deliver quilts and kits at distribution points across the state for the Lutheran World Relief Drive. Please notice that **Lutheran Social Services** does only the **spring** drive and **Midwest Motor Express** does the **fall** drive. The needs remain nearly the same as in previous years except that LWR no longer accepts

clothing. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Turner at Lutheran Disaster Response/LSS of ND at 701-271-3218 or 1-800-950-2901.

### DATES HOURS SITES & ADDRESS

May 17-21, 2010; 9:00 am-4:00 pm; Lutheran Social Services 1325 S 11th St, Fargo ND 58103

May 17-18, 2010; 9:00 am-4:00 pm; Midwest Motor Express 77 9th Ave E, Dickinson, ND

May 18-19, 2010; 9:00 am-4:00 pm; Midwest Motor Express 3320 2nd Ave. W, Williston, ND

May 19-20, 2010; 9:00 am-4:00 pm; Midwest Motor Express 5015 Main Ave E, Bismarck, ND

May 19-20, 2010; 9:00 am-4:00 pm; Midwest Motor Express 1900 22nd Ave SE, Minot ND

May 20-21, 2010; 9:00 am-4:00 pm; Midwest Motor Express 2215 N Washington, Grand Forks, ND

### PACKING INSTRUCTIONS FROM LWR

1. Do not use plastic or paper bags to pack donations.
2. Donations should be sorted and packed in separate boxes.
3. Use strong cartons secured with packing tape.
4. Do not allow box weight to exceed 40 pounds.
5. Label each box as follows:

Name and address of congregation

Contents of box

**Please be prepared to load quilts onto trucks.**

**No assistance will be available at LSS or Midwest sites.**

### NEEDS LIST:

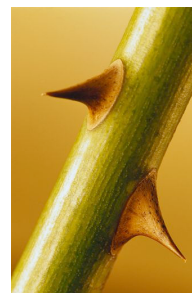
Quilts, Layettes, Sewing Kits, Health Kits, School Kits, Blankets, New bars of soap

**\*Please note that LWR no longer collects clothing.**

**Thank you for your commitment and assistance to make the Lutheran World Relief Fund Drive a success.**

## FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT 2010

*"Thorns"*



**September 17-19, 2010**

**Chieftain Hotel & Conference Center  
Carrington, ND**

Our Christian Life Committee is diligently planning our next district-wide event, and they would love for you to make plans to attend! The speaker will be

Heidi Floyd. Mrs. Floyd was one of the most inspirational speakers at the Portland national LWML convention last summer. You won't want to miss her! Plan now to spend the weekend relaxing and "re-charging the ol' batteries". Look for brochures and posters which will be available on-line and at the Bismarck convention.



## Remember in your



### Prayers: "Let us lift up our hearts and hands in prayer"

✠The 2010 Southwest Zone Convention Committee as they complete preparations for the District convention to be held in June.

✠Praise and thanksgiving to God for a healthy baby girl, Sylvia Rose, to Marie & Cole Johnson, Hazen. Marie is currently serving as a member of the District Board of Directors. Praise also for the birth of granddaughter to District Bylaws Chairman, Bonnie Krenz.

✠Prayers for the families of Cecil Speidel (former District Officer) and Virginia Von Seggern (former national LWML President). Both families look forward to family reunions in heaven with their loved ones (Cecil's husband & Virginia's son-in-law).

✠Prayers for the grieving Glenda Honl family.

✠Prayer for individuals who are ill, that God would grant them a return to health. We especially remember Adele Douglas (surgery), and Pastor Howard Jording (gravely ill), and Pastor Roger Leonhardt (Parkinson's). We also pray for former District LWML President, Neoma Maier.

✠Pray for all those affected by natural disasters in Haiti, Chile, Baja Peninsula, Mexico, and western China.

✠Pray that all officers and leaders of LWML, LCMS, and, indeed, of our fair country be good and faithful, striving to please your will, and asking for forgiveness during problematic times.

## ND LWML

### *A Note From The* **EDITOR**

### Publicity Undergoing Overhaul

With the recent resignation of Kathy Huettl - who has **faithfully** been news editor since August 1997 and the only webmaster our district has known - there will be several changes in the Publicity of our North Dakota District LWML. A committee has been formed and will be meeting this spring in order to make a plan and report to the Board of Directors at the Bismarck convention. If you have input for this committee to consider, please contact the appointed chairman, Louise Tegtmeier [see last page for contact info].

Look for a new website soon. You will be able to get to the new site via the old site [www.nd-lwml.org] for a while.

### Honoraria/Memorials

*Received October 2009 through March 2010*

David & Laurie Ann Totenhagen In memory of Lawrence Bergeman

Paul & Paulette Huber In memory of Leona (Huber) Kensmoie

Stirum, Immanuel In memory of Lawrence Bergeman

Phyllis Lentz In memory of Aunt Ida Aspelund

Joann Bladow In memory of Ruth Ceroll

Janet Baker In memory of Ruth Ceroll

Devils Lake, St. Peters In memory of Mrs. Henrietta Gessner

Lowell & Laurel Wegener In memory of Ruth Ceroll

Lisbon, Redeemer Afternoon In memory of Richard Sanderson

Grand Forks, Redeemer In memory of Esther Kaufman

Grand Forks, Redeemer In memory of Lena Habberstroa

Phyllis Lentz In memory of Ruth Ceroll

Phil & Judy Yagla In memory of Dorth Surface

Lidgerwood, Holy Cross In memory of Ardith Mattson

Phil & Judy Yagla In memory of Lena Habberstroh

Lidgerwood, Holy Cross In memory of Lois Strege

Forbes, Bethlehem In memory of Mary Erlenbusch

Lilly Hintz Henke In memory of Ruth Ceroll

Bismarck, Zion - Meyer Funeral

Fred & Betty Johnson In memory of Dora Goetsch

Phyllis Lentz In memory of Lois Strege

Phyllis Lentz In memory of John Prudlik

Lidgerwood, Immanuel In memory of John Prudlik

Carrington, Grace In memory of Ordis Haas

Carrington, Grace In memory of Ella Groskreutz

Carrington, Grace In memory of Lloyd Peterson

Carrington, Grace In memory of Paul Schroeder

Carrington, Grace In memory of Mary Tennyson

Carrington, Grace In memory of Donie Hanson

Tolley, Trinity In memory of Dora Goetsch

Bismarck, Zion - Pfenning Memorial

Melvin & Lorraine Fenske In memory of Esther Bohn

Melvin & Lorraine Fenske In memory of Jean Vagts

McClusky, St. John's In memory of Olivia Nigrin

Lidgerwood, Holy Cross In memory of Glenda Honl

Lowell & Laurel Wegener In memory of Glenda Honl

Joann & Glenn Bladow In memory of Glenda Honl

Bismarck, Zion - Arndt Funeral

Phyllis Lentz In memory of Glenda Honl

Phyllis Lentz In memory of David L. Jentz

Sharon & Raymond Schlichtmann In honor of Ina Schlichtmann's 85th

Tolley, Trinity In memory of Elaine Kieth

Ruth Rust In honor of Ina Schlichtmann's 85th Birthday

Phyllis Lentz In memory of John (Jack) Sturgess

Myrlin & Shirley Hall In memory of Avis King

D Weisz In honor of Miriam Repnow

Rev. Michael & Marin Swofford In memory of Chris Speidel

## —Hodge Podge—

- Remember the LWML with *your* memorials or honorariums.

If you are in need of “Joy Cards”, contact Myra Axtman.

- We hear that the Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly subscription rate is going up to \$5. Look for the change-date as more information is available.

• Visit the ND District website at [www.nd-lwml.org](http://www.nd-lwml.org)

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- If you would like to receive specific national and district prayer requests, you may ask your zone president to share with you, or you might like to be part of our **District E-Prayer Chain**. Contact Sue Corwin at [scorwin@ndfu.org](mailto:scorwin@ndfu.org) or [scorwin@csicable.net](mailto:scorwin@csicable.net).

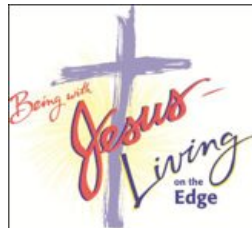
- Continue to join with LWML’ers across the country to **pray each Monday** at noon (or whenever you are able) for our national and district officers and mission projects.

- LWML Store- We’d love to have you visit our LWML store at the Bismarck Convention. Susi Hiatt will be

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right in the Convention Center to facilitate your purchases.

- The next national LWML



Convention will be held **June 23-26, 2011, in**

**Peoria, Illinois.** The theme for the convention is:

“—Being with Jesus – Living on the Edge.” Both the logo and the convention theme are based on these words from Acts: *And they realized they had been with Jesus. “For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.”* Acts 4:13b & 20 (NKJV)

## MISSION PROJECTS 2008–2010



### Project

North Dakota Full-Time Church Worker’s Scholarships  
Orphan Grain Train - ND Division  
Project 24  
ND District LCMS Missions starts in S. Fargo & N. Bismarck  
ND Lutheran Braille Work Centers  
Food & Clothing Co-op for Fort Wayne Seminary  
Deaf Institute of Theology \*

### Amount Budgeted

### Amount Paid

### Balance

\$30,000	\$30,000	- 0 -
\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	- 0 -
\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	- 0 -
\$10,000	\$10,000	- 0 -
\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	- 0 -
\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	- 0 -
<u>\$ 2,500</u>	<u>\$ 2,500</u>	- 0 -
\$65,000	\$65,000	- 0 -

### **Total**

\*Partial funding

**Praise the Lord for all that He has done! YOUR MIGHTY MITES have accomplished our biennial mite goal. Offer a prayer of thanksgiving right now as you are reading this!**



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