

Lutheran Women's Missionary League North Dakota District

Equip
Encourage
Share Jesus

The Messenger

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

April/May/June 2013

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

35th Biennial LWML Convention Pittsburgh, PA June 27-30, 2013



Theme: *Quenched! By the Water* John 4:14

CONVENTION INFORMATION

THERE IS STILL TIME...If you haven't already registered for this year's Biennial LWML Convention, please try and do before May 10th to avoid late fees. Check out the information published in the Winter Quarterly or go to www.lwml.org. The majority of the ND group will be staying at the Westin or the DoubleTree Pittsburgh Downtown hotels. There are a couple more available rooms booked in President Paulette's name at the DoubleTree. We have about 25 people attending from North Dakota, nine riding the Minnesota North Bus and the rest flying or driving. If you would like help with travel arrangements, please contact our travel coordinator, Renee Johnson, at 701-263-1270 or at reneej7518@hotmail.com.



YOUNG WOMEN'S RETREAT ~ Recap

"How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" Psalm 119:103

Nine young women gathered at Bethel Lutheran Church in Bismarck for the annual Young Women's retreat. These young women were from Dickinson, Jamestown, Hazen, and Bismarck. Jr. Counselor, Pastor Jenks, engaged us in Bible study and encouraged us to take quiet Bible reading and reflection time.

We worked as a team to create cake pops to take home and to share. Marie Johnson of Scrumptious Creations brought several flavors of cake and all the decorations for each young woman to make and take 16 cake pops.

What a "sweet" time we had at the retreat! Please consider joining us for the next Young Women's Retreat, March 2014!

-Young Women Committee: Eileen Larson (Bismarck), Marie Johnson (Hazen), Larissa Brelje (Fargo)



PRESIDENT PAULETTE PONDERERS...

BLACK and WHITE



In keeping with my pondering of fashion and the fun and curiosity of new colors and styles for spring, I noticed (again on the Today Show!) models portray-

ing **black and white** as a spring basic. The **black and white** can be paired with pastels or brights for one of the "in" looks for spring! Thus began my pondering of **black and white** not only in our fashion world but in our lives with Christ.

Even though **black** is very rich and beautiful in clothes and objects, **black** has also been associated with somberness, grief, sadness, darkness, fears, and sin in general. Just coming from the Lenten season, I have been reminded how Christ had been through the **blackest**, dark-

est moments of His life as He prepared to go to the cross and give His life with much pain and suffering for us. But now writing this on Easter Monday, I see, feel, and know the glorious, wonderful effects of the **white**....He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!! Our risen Lord washed our **blackened** sinful lives and made them **white** as snow! (I prefer a lily image this time of year, though!)

Black and White....Sinner and Saint....our lives are constantly in that tension as we live out our Christian life. But even though we know we are sinners, we also realize that the **White**, that is Christ in us, will win out both now and in eternity! In our beloved LWML, we have the privilege of bringing the lost and erring (**black** sheep) into eternal fellowship with Christ and His followers (**white** sheep)

through our prayers, our mission mites, and our lives dedicated to His service. May we live out that service as we seek out women to start a relationship with, to share our faith over a cup of coffee or tea, to study God's Word together in one of our Quarterly Bible studies or other devotionals and materials that we have to offer. Direct them to LWML online or Facebook, encourage them to give their mites for the mission, and invite them to an LWML event.

So be beautiful in your **black and white**, paired with a pretty spring/summer accent color and remember also how beautiful is the body of Christ, the one who washed our sin and made us new. Now that seems very "**black and white** to me!!

President Paulette

LWML ND ~ FALL RETREAT

More M&M's....Everybody (well almost everybody) loves those colorful candies. However, there is another kind of M&M's that are even better. Those are the M&M's of Mutual Ministry—Serving the Lord together. This was the theme of the 2012 LWML Fall Retreat and was so exciting and interesting that it was decided that there would be MORE MUTUAL MINISTRY at the 2013 LWML ND Fall Retreat. The retreat will be held the weekend of Sept. 20—22, 2013 at the Chieftain Motel in Carrington, ND.

Rev. David Suelzle, Bible Study leader, and Dr. Mary Hilgendorf, guest speaker will be back by popular demand. They will share

MORE about how we as women can do Mutual Ministry as we serve the Lord with gladness.

Registration Brochures will be available at Spring Rallies and from your unit and zone presidents. Registration can also be done on the web site. Registration will open May 1st.

Reserve your room now at the Chieftain in Carrington at 701-652-3131. A block of rooms will be held until Sept. 3, 2013.

Plan now to join your LWML sisters for a weekend of Bible Study, Inspiration, Singing, Fellowship, and Service.



The Communication Committee craves your local information, especially pictures. Share what projects you are working on or events you have hosted. An old idea to you might be just the new idea for which another unit is searching! Sent it in to Darci Wolff, editor@ndlwml.org

NOMINATING COMMITTEE ~ Chairman Geneal Roth

Wanted: Willing Servants

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. Romans 12:6a

Although it is more than a year until we will meet in convention in the North Dakota District, much preparation, prayer, and planning is necessary to make the convention successful. As your Nominating Committee, we have been elected to recruit willing servants to fill positions that will become available next biennium.

Have you thought about using your talents to serve your Lord through a position with the LWML ND District? Perhaps you have convinced yourself at one time or another that you don't have the skills required to serve in a position of leadership. You are not alone! Remember Moses? In Exodus 4, doesn't Moses ask the Lord to choose someone more appropriate to lead His people. Yet, the Lord chose Moses, and He continues even today to choose each leader for His own purpose. All we ask is that you humbly and prayerfully consider allowing your name to be placed on the ballot for one of the following positions:

* Vice President Christian Life (Currently serving: Dottie Sincebaugh)—This VP leads her committee to encourage and assist women with their relationship to our Lord by providing them with spiritual resources and activities. They are responsible for those fabulous Fall Retreats in Carrington?

* Vice President Servant Resources (Currently serving: Eileen Larson)—This VP and her committee's goal is to enrich and motivate LWML members in our units, zones, and district by providing materials and training to help them be more visible in their congregations and let others know what LWML is all about! They are wonderful mentors for our young women!

* Recording Secretary (Currently serving: Debbie Larson)—This position is the "right hand" to the President and records minutes of Board meetings among many other duties.

* Financial Secretary (Currently serving: Sharon Kroeplin)—This position receives, records, and deposits Mite offerings and income. She works very closely with the Treasurer.

* Nominating Committee (Currently serving: See list below)—These zone representatives work together to seek candidates needed for the ballot of the next convention.

All of the offices are a four-year term, except for the Nominating Committee, which are two-year terms. Feel free to contact any of the individuals currently serving in these positions to learn more about their duties.

We are also looking for candidates for Pastoral Counselor. We would appreciate hearing from you...is there a Pastor in your congregation or zone who you think would be a great leader for our District? Let us know his name!

As we move toward the 2014 Convention, we pray you will allow the Lord to use you and your talents in His magnificent way. If you are moved to submit your name for an office, please feel free to contact your Zone representative listed below. Bless you as you continue to serve Him with gladness!

Your 2012-2014 Nominating Committee:

Geneal Roth, Minot, Chairman, NW Zone (groth@srt.com)
 Kathy Hay, Oakes, Central Zone (khay@drtel.net)
 Carolyn Cusher, Fargo, Eastern Zone (cusherg@cableone.net)
 Evelyn Allensworth, Grafton, NE Zone (eve@gra.midco.net)
 Valerie Hauschild, Breckenridge MN, SE Zone (nhauschild@wah.midco.net)
 Karen Berg, Dickinson, SW Zone (mkberg@ndsupernet.com)

Applicants needed for LWML ND District 2014-2016 Mission Grants

The Mission Grants committee is eagerly awaiting your grant application for the next biennium. Applications are due by Sept. 30, 2013 and available at www.ndlwml.org. We are looking for recipients who are Lutheran Church Missouri Synod entities or who have Recognized Service Organization Status with the LCMS. Our bylaws state:

Ministries seeking funding should (1) be mission in emphasis, extending the ministry of the Word; (2) fit into the plans and projections of the LCMS; (3) be current and ready for implementation; (4) be on-going in nature, continuing after the grant money has been expended.

For more information contact Nikki Tyrell, Vice President of Mission Grants at missiongrants@ndlwml.org.

ND LWML, Thank you for the district aid that enables me to attend Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne to study to be a deaconess in the LCMS. I have been blessed with knowledge in my studies and with service in God's kingdom. My time here has flown by so quickly. It's hard to believe that I am in my last quarter of classes and only 8 weeks left. On Monday, April 29, God willing, I will receive a deaconess internship placement. I am excited and a bit nervous about what the future holds. Thank you so much for your financial help, as many students would not be able to study here without that help. The work of the LWML is far reaching and affects many lives.



Thanks again, Nayva Mulder

ARCHIVIST/HISTORIAN ~ Nikki Rahlf

In October I had the privilege of attending the Archivist Boot Camp Workshop held at the Concordia Historical Institute in St. Louis. This workshop was led by Rev. Marvin Huggins (the Associate Director for Archives and Library) and his wife Barbara.

What an awesome experience! We actually got to work in the archival stacks of their large library.

Rev. Huggins referred to those who keep history as Ministers of Remembering. In God's work you will find many times where He says we are to remember what He has done for us and to tell others. That is why it's so important to have historians who keep a record

of the things in our history as His people.

Have you ever worked on an anniversary history for your LWML or Church? Then is when you realize how important it is to have dates and facts about what has been done in the past. What a blessing to have the information at your fingertips and not have to search for it. Thus a good historian is definitely a need for each of our local units, zones, and district of LWML as well as our congregations.

Of course, everything can't be kept, but at the workshop we were given lists of what should be in our files on each level of unit, zone, and district. This information I will be

sharing at as many of the Spring and Fall LWML Rallies that I can.

I encourage all who are interested in keeping history to try and be at a Rally or to contact me and I will share information with them.

There are 3 zones in the LWML ND District that do not have historians, so consider volunteering to be that person.

If your unit doesn't have a historian, say "I'll do it", you won't regret it. It's really an interesting job/hobby.

He has caused his wonders to be remembered. Psalms 111:4a

LWML ND DISTRICT—ZONE RALLIES

****SPRING RALLIES****

CENTRAL ZONE

Held April 20th at Concordia—Jamestown

NE ZONE

Postponed due to weather:

Date: May 4, 2013

Location: Redeemer—Langdon

Registration: 9:00 am

Hosts: Langdon & Munich

Theme: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations"

Speaker: PING presentation

NW ZONE

Held April 6th at St. Paul—Minot.

EASTERN ZONE

Cancelled to due to weather and congregation conflicts.

SE ZONE

Date: April 27, 2013

Location: Zion—Claire City, SD

Registration: 9:30 am

Theme: "The New You" Eph. 4:24

Gifts from the Heart: Items for First Choice Clinic in Fargo

SW ZONE

Held April 20th at Redeemer—Dickinson.

****FALL RALLIES****

CENTRAL ZONE

Date: September 7, 2013

Location: Zion—Edgeley

NW ZONE

Date: October 12, 2013

Location: St. Paul—Minot

Speaker: PING presentation

SE ZONE

Location: Peace—Barney

EASTERN ZONE

Date: October 12, 2013

Location: Beautiful Savior—Fargo

Theme: "Are You Expecting" 2 Peter 3:11b—12a, 13—14

Speaker: PING presentation

SW ZONE

Theme: "God is our refuge and strength"

Speaker: PING presentation; Peace Officer Ministry/Police Chaplaincy

Watch for more information relating to fall rallies in the next edition of The Messenger.



LWML ND DISTRICT PRAYER CHAIN



President Paulette sends out prayer requests she receives via email. The following prayer requests were sent out for March:

- † Prayers for all aspects of planning and preparation for the upcoming Pittsburgh Convention.
- † Young boys, Hank and brother Huck, friends of Marie Johnson
- † Brian Johnson (husband to travel/meeting coordinator Renee), who is recovering from eye surgery and waiting for vision to stabilize.
- † Kathy Huettl (former district Newsletter editor and dear LWML sister) who is enduring many health issues.
- † Pastor Waldvogel (Fargo) and family in loss of his mother.
- † Lilly Hintz-Henke's sister's friend, Pat, who is suffering from severe pain.
- † Family of Nikki Tyrrell, in loss of Nikki's father.
- † Family of Nicci Henke, our dear LWML sister from Devil's Lake, who recently passed away from cancer.

If you are not on the district prayer chain email list, and you would like to be, email President Paulette at huber529@msn.com and ask her to add your email address to the list.

GIFTS & BEQUESTS *Sue Corwin, Chairman*

The Gifts and Bequests committee receives gifts given to the LWML to be used for projects and programs recommended by the committee and approved by the ND board of directors. The gifts come from various sources, memorials, special gifts, and bequests. Our bequests fund is managed by the LCMS Foundation. The funds are invested to enhance the mission and ministry of the LWML. The committee consists of the District Financial Secretary, District Treasurer, a chairman, and a member at large who is appointed by the President and approved by the board of directors. The committee also has a pastoral counselor. The ND District does put 20% of all funds received through the Joy Cards to the foundation.



UNIT REMINDERS

DELEGATE FUND—If you have not submitted your delegate fund money for 2012, please send this amount to Sharon ASAP. This money is used to send our delegates to national Convention. With the national Convention quickly approaching, these funds are needed to pay for these expenses soon. The amount you should pay is \$5.00 for each member of your unit. If you have any questions, email Sharon at sharon.kroeplin@gmail.com.

ATTENTION TREASURERS:

MITES

should be sent to:
LWML ND
Financial Secretary
Sharon Kroeplin
13861—3rd St SE
Hope, ND 58046

JOY CARDS

Memorials & Honorariums February—March 2013

THANK YOU to everyone who has sent in money for memorials or honorariums. The following is a list of those received from February through March 2013.



Ina Schlichtmann (2)
Glenn & JoAnn Bladow—50th Anniversary
Iva Stoltenow—100th Birthday



Charlotte Henke
Mark Kreklau
Ursula Wunderlich
Pearl Hohenstern
Suzanne Waldvogel
Nicci Henke (7)
Mark Kaler

2012-2014 District Officers & Zone Presidents

President

Paulette Huber ♦ 701-225-3205
 1447 –1st St S
 Dickinson, ND 58601
 huber529@msn.com

VP Mission Grants

Nikki Tyrrell ♦ 701-974-3959
 9290 –34th St SW, Taylor, ND
 58656
 tyrrells@ndsupernet.com

VP Christian Life

Dorothea Sincebaugh ♦ 701-282-3199
 3753 Dorothea Ct, Fargo, ND 58104
 dotties3753@q.com

VP Human Care

Chantel Zeller ♦ 701-483-9122
 1014 –2nd Ave E, Dickinson, ND
 58601
 zeller4@live.com

VP Servant Resources

Eileen Larson ♦ 701-258-3410
 510 W Ave C, Bismarck, ND 58501
 elarson2@bis.midco.net

VP Communication

Delores Pavicic ♦ 701-232-8047
 1720—10th St S
 Fargo, ND 58103
 dhpavic@hotmail.com

Recording Secretary

Debbie Larson ♦ 701-222-2812
 3807 Overlook Dr, Bismarck, ND
 58503
 debbielarson@bis.midco.net

Financial Secretary

Sharon Kroeplin ♦ 701-945-2428
 13861 –3rd St SE, Hope, ND
 58046
 sharon.kroeplin@gmail.com

Treasurer

Avonne Gessner ♦ 701-228-5102
 504 Jay St, Bottineau, ND 58318
 hgogt@srt.com

Sr. Counselor

Rev. David Suelzle ♦ 701-388-1549
 821 –5th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103
 revsuelzle@gracefargo.org

Jr. Counselor

Rev. Tim Jenks ♦ 701-258-6438
 517 E Turnpike, Bismarck, ND
 58501
 bethehbismarck@hotmail.com

Bylaws Committee Chairman

Karen Puffe ♦ 701-883-5792
 207 –2nd St SE, LaMoure, ND
 58458
 tkpuffe@drtel.net

Historian

Nikki Rahlf ♦ 701-769-2306
 271 Grove St, Sutton, ND 58484
 bnrahlf@icte.com

Parliamentarian

Bonnie Krenz ♦ 701-769-2173
 9920 Main St, Binford, ND 58416
 dakrenz@icte.com

Nominating Comm. Chairman

Geneal Roth ♦ 701-838-6352
 1511 Glacial Dr, Minot, ND 58703
 groth@srt.com

Gifts & Bequests Chairman

Sue Corwin ♦ 701-252-5635
 1811 –6th Ave SE #12
 Jamestown, ND 58401
 scorwin@csicable.net

LWML Store

Karen Lougheed ♦ 701-234-0803
 2117 –11th St S, Fargo, ND
 58103
 bklougheed@msn.com

News Editor/PR

Darci Wolff ♦ 605-535-8671
 37129 –101st St, Forbes, ND
 58439
 editor@ndlwml.org

Webmaster

Marie Johnson ♦ 701-748-2025
 922 Elbowoods Dr, Hazen, ND
 58545
 webmastermarie@gmail.com

Meeting Coordinator

Renee Johnson ♦ 701-263-1270
 430 –12th St NW, Minot, ND
 58703
 reneej7518@gmail.com

Convention Manager

Rhonda Hoge ♦ 701-239-9800
 1948 Rose Creek Dr, Fargo, ND
 58104
 rhoge@cableone.net

Central Zone President

Sue Corwin ♦ 701-252-5635
 1811 –6th Ave SE #12,
 Jamestown, ND 58401
 scorwin@csicable.net

Eastern Zone President

Bonnie Krenz ♦ 701-769-2173
 9920 Main St, Binford, ND 58416
 dakrenz@icte.com

NE Zone President

Judy LeClerc ♦ 701-772-5714
 5615 Belmont Rd,
 Grand Forks, ND 58201
 Judy.anderson@gra.midco.net

NW Zone President

Shirley Hall ♦ 701-272-6314
 8625 –11th Ave NW, Newburg, ND
 58762
 mshall@srt.com

SE Zone President

Mary Lueck ♦ 701-538-7408
 PO Box 411, Lidgerwood, ND 58053
 gmlueck@wah.midco.net

SW Zone President

Karen Berg ♦ 701-264-7278
 884 –7th St E, Dickinson, ND 58601
 mkberg@ndsupernet.com



How to be a “Pillar” in Your Group

1 Peter 4:11 says, *If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen (NIV).*

St. Peter is often called a pillar of the church. He gives us some great advice in the previous passage to help us define how we, too, can be pillars. A pillar is an object used to support a structure. In organizations such as the LWML, “pillars” are members who are prominent supporters that set an example for the others in their group to follow. Strong groups need strong members. Here are some ways you can help build up your LWML and support the work God has given them to do:

- ◆ **Be in the Word.** God’s Word is our strength. Servants need to be nourished by the Word in order to be strong. Being in the Word as a group and as an individual will strengthen your bond as sisters in Christ.
- ◆ **Connect.** Find ways to connect personally with others. Ask questions and identify common areas of interest. Do something outrageously kind for a sister in Christ with no expectation of anything in return. Your positive, genuine efforts will have a lasting impact.
- ◆ **Pray.** Praying is a bit like blogging. With blogging we pour our hearts out in online entries, which in itself is cleansing. We then hope someone will read the entry, and may even look to see if anyone has offered advice. With prayer, we don’t need to wonder if anyone is listening; we know God always hears us, and He offers us direction and guidance in His Word to inspire us with ways to address our problems. He of course delights when we share our joys with Him!
- ◆ **Collaborate.** Your sisters in Christ are an excellent support system. Ask for their opinions and listen to what they have to say. Incorporate their input into your decision making. Work on inclusion and resist exclusion.
- ◆ **Put yourself out there.** Go out of your way to greet a sister you haven’t talked to in a while. Never ignore someone because you think she ignored you first; she probably never even noticed you were there because she was trying to decide whether the oven had been left turned on or not. And that’s the way it starts – once you begin to do it, others try it too, because they see it’s safe and enjoyable.
- ◆ **Do the right thing because it’s the right thing to do.** Demonstrate integrity and stand up to unethical comments or decisions. Often all it takes is one brave soul to ask a sensible question, “Do we all really believe that this is the right thing to do ... that this is what God would have us do?” Then more people will feel strong enough to say that they, too, don’t agree. That one brave soul can be anyone. With God’s help, it can be you.
- ◆ **Be Confident in God.** God doesn’t send the equipped ... He equips those He sends!

The Messenger is the official publication of the LWML ND District. Editor: Darci Wolff, 37129—101st St, Forbes, ND 58439. 605-358-8671 (h); 701-535-0420 (c). editor@ndlwm.org



We're on the Web!
ndlwm.org



DISTRICT DATES

- ♦ SE Zone Rally at Claire City, SD ~ April 27, 2013
- ♦ NE Zone Rally at Langdon ~ May 4, 2013
- ♦ Eastern Zone Rally at Hope ~ May 4, 2013
- ♦ LWML Convention in Pittsburgh ~ June 27-30, 2013
- ♦ Fall Retreat at Carrington ~ September 20-22, 2013
- ♦ LWML ND District Convention at Wahpeton ~ June 20-22, 2014

In January 2013, the LWML North Dakota District launched its official Facebook page. You are invited to visit the LWML North Dakota District page and join in the conversation at www.facebook.com/ND.LWML. Click the "Like" button on top of our page to become a fan!

LWML ND District Mission Grants 2012-2014 Biennium

MISSION GRANT	AMOUNT BUDGETED	AMOUNT PAID	BALANCE
ND Full-time Church Workers Scholarships (NEW STANDING RULE – this grant appears first)	\$35,000	\$14,000	\$21,000
Orphan Grain Train – North Dakota	\$7,500	\$7,500	-0-
Project 24 – Orphanages in Kenya	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$2,500
Restoring Security for His Children – Minot Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch	\$5,000		\$5,000
Women's & Children Shelter at Standing Rock	\$5,000		\$5,000
Carolyn Walsh, Lutheran Bible Translator Missionary to Botswana, Africa	\$2,000		\$2,000
Christ the Way Radio Ministry	\$5,000		\$5,000
Martin Luther School Tuition Assistance	\$2,850		\$2,850
Veterans of the Cross (partial funding)	\$650		\$650
TOTALS	\$68,000	\$24,000	\$44,000

The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League North Dakota District is to equip and encourage all women to share the compassion and hope of Jesus Christ.