

Lutheran Women's Missionary League North Dakota District

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*The
Messenger*

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

January/February/March 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

REGISTRATION forms are available in the Winter 2012 Edition of the *Lutheran Women's Quarterly* and on the national LWML website at www.lwml.org. Registration officially opened on January 15, 2013.

BUS TRAVEL: If you are interested in taking the bus with the Minnesota North District, contact Renee Johnson at 701-263-1270 or reneej7518@gmail.com. The cost is \$250 which includes one night at a hotel in Illinois each direction. The bus will leave from Fergus Falls on Wednesday morning prior to convention and return on the Monday following convention. There are only a few seats available so call soon.

AIR TRAVEL: If you are interested in flying, you will need to make your own plane reservations.

YOUNG WOMEN REPRESENTATIVES have been chosen by the Board of Directors. We are excited to announce that Larissa Brelje from Fargo and Kim Dolajak from Bismarck will be representing us! Kira Judson from Dickinson has been selected as the alternate. Larissa is a college student, Kim works as an Application Specialist, and Kira works for Easter Seals and is also a professional seamstress. Congratulations!

LODGING: Three hotels have rooms set aside for convention. They are: Westin Convention Center 800-937-8461 (ask for Westin Pittsburgh, PA Reservations); DoubleTree Pittsburgh Downtown, 800-222-8733; and Omni William Penn Hotel 800-843-6664. Be sure to call by June 3 and say you are with the LWML to get the group rate. Shuttle services will be available on a set schedule from Omni and DoubleTree; Westin is close enough to walk. If you have any questions, call Renee Johnson 701-263-1270 or President Paulette 701-225-3505.

GIFTS FROM THE HEART will be given to agencies in the Pittsburgh area. Convention participants may bring these items in unlimited quantities: ***Quilts/Blankets**—all sizes; ***Wipes & Disposable Diapers**—sizes preemie, newborn, 3 & 4; ***Baby Kit**—Receiving blankets, Sleepers (preemie/newborn), Onesies (preemie/newborn), Outfits (preemie/newborn), Child's Christian storybook; ***Men's Kit**—Men's boxer's (L—XXXL), Men's T-shirts (L—XXXL), Men's socks, Christian Tract or Bible verse; ***Bath Kit**—Bath towel and washcloth, Full-size toothpaste and toothbrush, Deodorant for women or men, Bath/bar soap, Christian Tract or Bible verse; ***Devotional Kit**—Bible (NIV or ESV preferred), Devotional, Journal and pen

+++If you are not attending convention, you can still send a Gift From the Heart along with someone who is attending.

PRESIDENT PAULETTE PONDER'S... PURPLE



Lately, I have been pondering the color **purple**! Upon hearing on the Today Show, that **purple** is a fashionable color for the season, my ears perked and my **pondering on purple** began...

Purple is a rich, royal color...fit for a king or queen. They say when you turn 60 or get old you can wear **purple**! The world must see some special boldness, confidence, or beauty attributed to wearing the color **purple**. According to church tradition, **purple** also represented royalty along with penitence especially during the preparatory seasons of advent and lent.

At LWML events we often see a "**sea of purple**" in the gathering. Our **LWML purple** is also very rich and royal when we connect the wearing of our **purple** with the special sisterhood we share in Christ, that of the "royal priesthood of believers." Our King Jesus, who suffered and died for us, reigns on high...maybe He sits with a **purple** robe?! By His grace we are able to collect our mites, fund our mission grants, grow in His word, fellowship together, and forgive one another. In our baptism, we are robed with Christ who gives us a bold, confident faith to share with the world! We are often reminded that on the last day, Christ will come with all His glory and honor to take all believers with Him for eternity. We pray that He will use the LWML to bring Christ to the four corners of the earth through our mis-

sions and mites so others can share that eternity with us.

So, let's wear our **purple** with confidence, not just because it's in style, but to remind us of our royal connection with Christ the King of our lives and world. Hopefully, my signature line helps to remind us of where our confidence and encouragement comes, "*God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline*" (2 Timothy 1:7) (A spirit of **purple**!)

Wear your purple with confidence...maybe we'll be wearing it in heaven!

YOUNG WOMEN'S RETREAT

How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" Psalm 119:103 If reading this verse tickles your taste buds, please come spend the day with us! This year's Young Women's Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 16 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Bismarck. We will start off the morning at 9:30am with registration and breakfast. The rest of the day will consist of making some scrumptious sweets to take to a shut-in and some to take home for yourself. We will also have a Bible study led by our Junior Counselor, Pastor Jenks, and of course fellowship time. We

will plan to end the day around 4:00pm. Mark your calendars and bring a friend! You do not need to be a member of LWML to attend. For more information, contact Eileen Larson: elarson2@bis.midco.net or Marie Johnson: cmjohnson2007@gmail.com. Hope to see you then!



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, mdwolff@drtel.net.

HUMAN CARE ~ VP Chantel Zeller

Compassion, caring, gentle, humility and loving are just a few of the many words that come to mind when I overhear conversations as they relate to "human care". In a world that seems to be less concerned about the needs of others and more concerned about individual needs, I feel blessed and honored to be part of a loving Church and group of ladies who make even the most difficult of days easy. The human care projects that have been and currently are being completed on a local, district, and national level through LWML are inspirational and not only provide education, health, and monetary support, but also remind us daily of how blessed our lives are and how sharing our gifts impact those who live in our hometowns, our state, and throughout the world.

I am excited to participate in some of the many human care projects that will be offered at the ND District Convention in June 2014 in Wahpeton. The Wahpeton Chamber of Commerce and Convention Visitor's Bureau have been most accommodating and helpful with providing information and ideas that can be used to promote the "human care" projects

in their area. It's amazing to learn about so many heartfelt and compassionate programs throughout North Dakota.

One human care project that is being carried out through the Dickinson LWML is fundraising for the Eldercare meal program. This project will provide financial assistance to many individuals in our area so that they will receive at least one warm meal each day. Another new human care project in the Dickinson area is (DCUH) Dickinson Churches United for the Homeless. As many of you know, the closest shelter for men in Western ND is Bismarck. With ND temperatures reaching well below -20 plus, individuals sleeping in their cars or outside in tents face possible death by exposure. Many of these individuals are working, but due to various challenges are not able to afford a place to live. DCUH has made it possible for these individuals to have a warm bed at night. Women and children are able to be sheltered at a separate location. Local groups within the faith-based community provide, not only volunteers, but also donations of food, clothing,

toiletries, monetary, etc. to assist those in need. The love of Christ and the compassion for our fellow human beings are being shared through this positive program to assist during ND Winters coldest nights.

I look forward to the opportunity of learning what other human care projects are available throughout our wonderful state of ND, as well as nationally. I also look forward to working with my fellow committee members, as each will bring positive ideas and talents as we plan for the 2014 ND LWML Convention. Each day is a blessing and gift from our Lord and Savior and I pray that you will always be able to share your gifts with others. A simple gesture, such as a hug, can be the difference between a good day and a great day for someone.

Psalm 103:2-4

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.



Time to Start Searching for LWML ND District 2014-16 Mission Grants

The time has come to search for applicants for our mission grants for the next biennium. Applications are due by September 30, 2013. 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

- be mission in emphasis, extending the ministry of the

Word;

- fit into the plans and projections of the LCMS;
- be current and ready for implementation;
- be on-going in nature, continuing after the grant money has been expended.

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

Just a note to say (that) on behalf of the North Dakota Orphan Grain and God's people throughout the world, I would like to thank you for your mission grant payment of \$3750.00. This is a very special mission project and we appreciate your support. Thank you to all the LWML members who made this grant to the Orphan Grain Train possible. The donation will be used to help those in need. Hope you all have a very blessed Christmas!

Thanks again!

Diane Boll, Treasurer—ND OGT

PARLIAMENTARIAN ~ Bonnie Krenz

Parliamentarian, an officer or outside consultant designated by an organization to serve as an expert in parliamentary procedure. This is how my position is defined. It is a position that you will find in most organizations.

I use the National LWML bylaws, the District LWML bylaws, and *Robert's Rules of Order* to make sure that the District Board of Directors meetings and the District Conventions are properly conducted and allow everyone to express their thoughts in an orderly fashion.

At both meetings and convention, I help the President by answering questions about how votes should be taken—paper, hand, or voice; by who can vote; by making sure

that those who wish to speak to a question are recognized; and by trying to answer any other questions dealing with meeting procedure. I also serve as a member of the District Bylaw Committee.

If any Zone or Unit ever has a question about a meeting procedure, please feel free to contact me. I do recommend that each Zone and Unit review their bylaws yearly. If you are concerned about conducting your meeting correctly, purchase a copy of *Robert's Rules of Order* and refer to that to answer your questions.



Dear ND District LWML,

Thank you for your financial support through the ND District grant. Your support is a great blessing to me. Without it, I would not be able to study in the Deaconess program.

Thank you so much,

Nayva Mulder

LWML ND DISTRICT—ZONE SPRING RALLIES

Looking for some LWML fun, fellowship, & Bible study? Check out the latest information about your zone's spring rally listed below.

CENTRAL ZONE

Date: April 20, 2013
Location: Concordia—Jamestown
Host: Ellendale
Theme: "Prepare to Go"
Speaker: PING Attendees

NE ZONE

Date: April 6, 2013
Location: Redeemer-Langdon
Hosts: Langdon & Munich
Registration: 9:00-9:30 am
Theme: Matthew 28:19-20
Speaker: Kyle Novak (Project 24 & Mary Okoyo Scholarship)

NW ZONE

Date: April 6, 2013
Location: St. Paul—Minot
Host: Rugby
Registration: 8:30-9:00 am
Opening Devotions: 9:00 am
End Time: 12:00 pm
Speaker: Representative from Hope Village, Minot
Gifts from the Heart: Items for Hope Village

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

Date: April 20, 2013
Location: Redeemer-Dickinson
Registration: 9:00 am
Theme: "God is Our Refuge" Psalm 46:1
Speakers: Paulette Huber—PING; Michael Wolters—Ministry to peace officers

EASTERN ZONE

Date: April 6, 2013
Location: Trinity—Hope
Planning meeting: Feb. 23, 2013

Please plan to attend this year's spring rally to be refreshed, revived, and renewed in God's Word! If you are unable to attend the rally in your zone, you are always welcome to attend any rally. Bring a friend and enjoy the day together!

LWML ND DISTRICT PRAYER CHAIN



President Paulette sends out prayer requests she receives via email. The following prayer requests were sent out from September through February:

- † National President Kay Kreklau—recovery from surgery
- † Nicci Henke—Comfort and healing during illness
- † LuAnn Goter—prayers for her son-in-law
- † Family of Phil Reimnitz, son of Rev. A. and Helen Reimnitz, and brother of Ruth Walsh who passed away
- † Hurricane Sandy victims
- † Thanksgiving prayer for wedding of Jesse Huber and Liz Glesne
- † Hank, a little boy of a friend to Marie Johnson, who underwent painful scoliosis surgery
- † Sheila, Sue Corwin's daughter, who underwent surgery
- † Continued prayers for Hank and Tasia, a friend of Marie Johnson
- † Thanksgiving for healthy twins born, grandbabies of Sue Corwin
- † Dee Pavicic, Irene M. and Myra Rada—surgery and recovery from illness
- † Carolyn Walsh, daughter of Ruth, protection in Africa during missionary time there
- † Jeff Walsh, son of Ruth—deployed to Afghanistan
- † Thanksgiving prayers for President Paulette's parents, Paul and Ruby Paulson, who celebrated 70 years of marriage
- † Family of Colton Dallman who was missing and found dead
- † Kathy Huettl, active member and former Newsletter Editor—surgery and recovery prayers
- † Prayers for safe travel to meeting in St. Louis
- † Prayers for Paul Paulson, father to President Paulette, who fell and entered Nursing Home
- † Marie Johnson's father-in-law—surgery

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.



UNIT REMINDERS

UNIT OFFICERS—Each unit should have received a form titled “ND LWML Unit Information Sheet for 2013” in the mail from Treasurer Sharon Kroeplin. Please fill this information out and return the form ASAP to Sharon.

NEWSLETTER—Also on the unit officers form, there is a section at the bottom to request how many copies *The Messenger* your unit needs along with other information pertaining to the newsletter.

THE QUARTERLY—Along with the above form, you should have received a bill for the number of *Quarterly* copies you receive. Please send payment for this to Sharon ASAP.

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. 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.

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should be sent to:

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JOY CARDS

Memorials & Honorariums July 2012—January 2013

THANK YOU to everyone who has sent in money for memorials or honorariums. The following is a list of those received from July 2012 through January 2013.



Paul Eide—Lutheran Braille Workers
Ruth Rust
Mercedes Walker
Emily Lelm
Evelyn Brendemuhl Birthday (3)
Frieda Steinke
Pastor Charles Johnson Birthday
Howard & LeAnn Schwah



Barry Eaton (Sandie's husband)	Lorraine Stevens
Rev. Ron Nichols (3)	Floyd Kackman
Mark Kreklau (14)	Edith Pankow
Myra Axtman	Earlean Kuehn
Rebecca Schroeder (3)	Frances Brendall
Milton Kemnitz	Rev. Dr. Howard Jording
Louise Schlieman (2)	Georgia Dietzler
Lorraine Dusenbury	Millie Mattei
John Paulson	Charlotte Henke
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Time for a “Clean Sweep”?

How does your LWML group balance the old and the new? What do you save and what do you toss? Are there boxes of table decorations and files lurking around that haven’t been used in years, but you’re keeping them “just in case” you need them? Maybe you need to hold a “Clean Sweep”!

The “what to save and what to toss” issue is also pervasive in our events and meetings. The LWML struggles with removing outdated traditions and ideas to make room for new ones. Not all traditions need to be dropped, of course, but we need to ask hard questions about saving only that which is really beneficial to our work so we can move forward in our service to the Lord.

What works for one group may not work for another, as the gifts and talents of the women differ. Congregations vary between rural and urban needs. Therefore, there is no one solution for growth that will satisfy every group.

A tribute to the late Alma Kern in the Spring 2012 issue of the *Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly* includes a quote that she wrote for the magazine in 1968: “Women no longer need the women’s society of the church as a social outlet.” Alma goes on to say that we do, however, have something very valuable to offer to today’s women. “We’ve got Good News! Jesus has given us the ‘pearl of great price.’ Let’s display it as a jeweler would – in the most attractive way possible. Let’s tell it with excitement, enthusiasm, and variety.” That is so true, even today!

We need to continue exploring, sharing, and believing that what we have in the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League is a gift God wishes for us to share with the world. The work that we do through the LWML in service to our Lord and according to His will is valued and blessed by God.

Look at the focus of your group:

- ☐ Are you in God’s Word regularly? He is the power: *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit* (Romans 15:13).
- ☐ Are you sharing your talents and resources with those in need? He is the refresher: *... he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed* (Proverbs 11:25b).
- ☐ Are you displaying Jesus as the purpose of your group? It is in Him that we should put our trust: *...blessed is he who trusts in the Lord* (Proverbs 16:20b).

Free resources for missions, young women, teens, leaders, and others are available at www.lwml.org. Have you searched for new materials? Check out the *LWML Catalog*, too; order one online or by calling 1-800-252-LWML.

What a rich heritage we have and what a wonderful future God is giving to us! Place your trust in Him and point all your work to His glory. God will continue to bless and grow His kingdom through you.

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DISTRICT DATES

- ◆ District BOD Meeting at Carrington ~ March 2, 2013
- ◆ Young Women's Retreat at Bismarck ~ March 16, 2013
- ◆ NE Zone Spring Rally at Langdon ~ April 6, 2013
- ◆ NW Zone Spring Rally at Minot ~ April 6, 2013
- ◆ Eastern Zone Spring Rally at Hope ~ April 6, 2013
- ◆ Central Zone Spring Rally at Jamestown ~ April 10, 2013
- ◆ SW Zone Spring Rally at Dickinson ~ April 20, 2013
- ◆ SE Zone Rally at Claire City, SD ~ April 27, 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

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	\$3,750	\$3,750
Project 24 – Orphanages in Kenya	\$5,000		\$5,000
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	\$17,750	\$50,250

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