

Lutheran Women's Missionary League North Dakota District

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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 2014

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

Filled...and Overflowing

LWML ND DISTRICT CONVENTION

June 20-22, 2014

Are you Filled? Are you Overflowing? And with what are you Filled and Overflowing?

The women of the Southeastern Zone are excited and busily preparing to host the 2014 LWML ND Convention, Friday, June 20 through Sunday, June 22 at the North Dakota State College of Science Student Center in Wahpeton. Co-chairs Mary Lueck and Carol Luebke invite all the women of the North Dakota District to come and enjoy the convention under the theme, "Filled & Overflowing", based on John 7:37, where Jesus said, *"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. He that believes in me, as the Scripture said, out of him will flow streams of living water."* Throughout the weekend, we will learn what should fill us and overflow from us as we renew our friendships and share some laugh and hugs with all of our LWML-sisters-in-Christ from around the state.

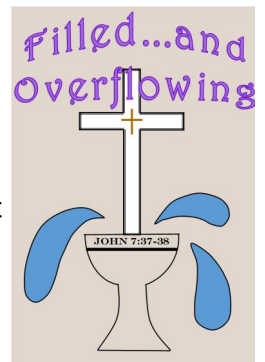
Highlights of the convention include:

- Friday afternoon registration and servant events at the NDSCS Student Center
- Friday evening worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Wahpeton
- Speakers Deb Burma, author of several devotionals and books, and missionary Danelle Putman from the Dominican Republic
- Bible study led by LWML ND Counselors Pastor Suelzle and Pastor Jenks
- Selection of mission grants for the next biennium
- Election of officers
- A Young Women's get-together
- Saturday luncheon breakout sessions
- Saturday evening bus trip to the historic Bagg Bonanza Farm for dinner and music
- Sunday morning mite walk at NDSCS or a Virtual Mite Walk

Convention attendees can sign up to stay on campus in the dorms for \$40 per night per person which includes bedding, pillow, and towels, or make your own housing accommodations at a local hotel. Please bring your own tote bag this year. We hope to see a nice variety of bags from past conventions, but any tote bag will be fine.

We hope that all units will send two delegates and many other members and friends. Please consider sponsoring a young woman from your congregation by paying for her registration (\$25), meals (\$38), housing (\$80) and transportation. What a wonderful way to be overflowing with love and encouragement! Please pray for the convention and the women who are working on your behalf to host the convention, for President Paulette, for Pastors Suelzle and Jenks, for our speakers and for everyone's safe travel. See you in Wahpeton on June 20-22, 2014, where you will be "Filled...& Overflowing"!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rhonda Hoge at rhoge@cableone.net or 701-306-5380.



PRESIDENT PAULETTE PONDERES...PLANNING



2014 has arrived and thus our **planning** for the future! Our **plans** (like resolutions) could be to lose weight, exercise more, be more organized, buy less shoes (could not find blue ones for Advent!!), or whatever. **Planning** is a big part of our lives and a huge part of our work of service to the LWML.

The ND Board of Directors is **planning** some special events for you this year! Coming soon March 15, will be the Young Women's Retreat at Bethel, Bismarck, and on June 20-22, our District Convention, a huge undertaking, will be held in Wahpeton. Our zones are **planning** spring rallies for April and May in various locations and our local units **plan** events including Bible

studies, collection of mites, and creative **plans** to include the women of our congregations. Could you **plan** to attend all or many of these and support our LWML with your time and talents? Could you **plan** to begin a relationship with another woman and then invite her to an LWML Bible study or other event? Would you pray for those who "attend to **plan**" and those who "**plan** to attend"!!

Plans may change because of varying circumstances...date conflicts, the weather, tragedies, our own lack of **planning**, etc., but our God is in control and forgives, guides, and blesses the changed **plans**. In His own time and by His grace, He will work **plans** to help, not harm us, as we are guided in our service to others and in service through our LWML "wherever and whenever He has

need of us".

God in Christ crafted the ultimate **plan**. This **plan** of salvation through Christ's suffering on the cross for us is the only **plan** we can truly count on. Alone, our **plans** may fail but with God they are powerful. As we move from the Epiphany season to Lent, we will follow His **plan**...that journey to the cross where He died for the sins of the world that we may live forever...His heavenly **plan**!

In this New Year, empowered by our faith, let's **plan** to give more mites for our mission grants, study God's Word more regularly, attend LWML events, and excite and invite others to join us in our beloved LWML!!

President Paulette

LWML ND DISTRICT PRAYER CHAIN

President Paulette sends out prayer requests she receives via email. The following prayer requests were sent out Nov—Jan:
 † Prayers for Mamie Kulu suffering from heart issues in Congo, Africa and that Mamie and children may soon be able to come to America and join husband, Polydor, after being apart three years.
 † Prayers for LWML President Kay Kreklau and family in the loss of her mother.
 † Prayers of thanksgiving from Sharon Kroeplin for being with her as she suffered heart problems.
 † Prayers for Deanna Wolters who developed complications after the birth of her son.
 † Prayers of thanksgiving from President Paulette and Paul upon hearing news of being grandparents in July and for the 71st wedding anniversary of Paulette's parents.

If you would like to be on the district prayer chain email list, email President Paulette at huber529@msn.com and ask her to add your email to the list.



Dear North Dakota Lutheran Women's Missionary League, God's grace and peace be with you. I thank God for you for the gift that you have given me by your financial support. The mites collected by your LWML groups enable me to a gift that I can never repay. I am truly amazed by the power of the Word. Please continue to pray for me and those that I serve.

Blessings in Christ,
 Nayva Mulder



Winter Reminds Me...



Dear Sisters in Christ, Winter reminds me of God's promises! So often we complain about the winter months: Too cold, too much snow ("Pastor Jenks—stop praying for that nasty white stuff!"), not enough sunshine as the days get shorter, "I can't wait until Spring!" But as I think about winter, I not only remember my childhood, enjoying hours by the shelter-belt in the snowdrifts, I am also reminded of God's promises.

With winter we see the changing seasons; we don't just get spring, summer and fall, but ALL seasons. This reminds me of God's promise to Noah after the Flood: *"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."* (Gen 8:22) What beauty God has given in the changing seasons!

With winter we see less and less sun, as the earth tilts so our part of the globe is away from the sun and sees less daylight each day. Some of us are greatly affected by not having enough sunshine—we go to work while it is dark outside, and we come back home while it is dark outside. This reminds me of God's promise of who Jesus is: Jesus said, *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* (John 8:12) No matter how dark it is outside, we have the Light of Christ! With winter we see snow piling up, made up of millions and billions of snowflakes. Each and every snowflake God has created to be individual and unique. This reminds me of God's promise of how He creates each one of us: *"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearful and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."* (Psalm 139:13-16) How wonderfully God has created each of us individual and unique!

With winter, the snow blankets the earth. This gives it a nice covering to help protect God's creation from the elements. This reminds me of God's promise about my sin: David says the same thing when he speaks of the blessedness of the man to whom God credits righteousness apart from works: *"Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him."* (Romans 4:6-8) How comforting to know that I am covered with the robe of Christ's righteousness that He won for me!

With winter, it appears as if the earth has gone dormant and even died. Many of us cannot wait until spring arrives and everything seems to come back to life. This reminds me of God's promise as we sing: "I'm but a stranger here, Heaven is my home!". What a joy to know that our citizenship is in heaven! Winter reminds me of God's promises!

In His Service & love—Pastor Tim Jenks

Reminder

Each unit should have received a request to submit the names of their officers for 2014. Please fill out those forms and send them to: Debbie Larson, 3807 Overlook Dr, Bismarck, ND 58503. If you have any questions, please direct them to Debbie as well.



REMINDER

Each unit should have received the form requesting you to verify the number of copies of *The Quarterly* you wish to receive and to return that form along with a check for the amount due to Financial Secretary, Sharon Kroeplin ASAP.

Let's Meet for Coffee

The theme of this year's Young Women's Retreat is "Let's Meet for Coffee". We will discuss the reasons why it's important to meet for coffee and Christian fellowship. This retreat will be held at Bethel Lutheran Church in Bismarck on Saturday, March 15, 2014, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please plan to attend and bring a friend! You do not need to be a member of the LWML to take part in this day filled with Bible Study, fellowship, fun, and of course, food!

Share this with other young women in your life and bring a carload!

For more information please contact Eileen Larson at eileen.larson@sendit.nodak.edu.

We ask that you would fill out the registration form below so that we can be prepared to host the approximate number of those planning to attend.

The cost to attend is \$15.00 which will include breakfast, lunch, and supplies.

Let's Meet for Coffee

Lutheran Women's Missionary League
North Dakota District
YOUNG WOMEN'S RETREAT

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____



Please return this completed form and the
\$15.00 registration feed made out to LWML
ND District to: Eileen Larson
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FINAL LAP FOR CANDIDATE RECRUITMENT



However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace. Acts 20:24

When a runner competes in a race, he/she typically paces himself/herself throughout the race until the very end and then bursts forth with a last shot of energy to finish the race quickly among cheers and encouragement from the sidelines. Your nominating committee has been working diligently throughout this biennium to seek candidates for positions to serve our District LWML.

Now we are coming into our final lap and are counting on that final burst of energy to complete the task the Lord has given us. We can’t complete our race without help from you! Can you pray for potential candidates to step forward and offer their names for the ballot? Perhaps you have an interest in one of the positions...will you pray about it and ask the Lord to guide you to a decision? Do you know someone who you believe would be able to serve in any of the available positions? Would you be willing to ask them to prayerfully consider submitting their name?

Following are the positions that will be elected at the convention in June:

Vice President Christian Life—This VP leads her committee to encourage and assist women with their relationship to our Lord by providing them with spiritual resources and activities. If you’ve been to Fall Retreat, then you’ve enjoyed the fruits of their labors!

Vice President Servant Resources—This VP and her committee work 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 also mentor our young women.

Recording Secretary—This individual is the “right hand” to the president and records minutes of Board meetings and conventions among many other duties.

Financial Secretary—This individual receives, records, and deposits Mite offerings and income. She works closely with the Treasurer.

Nominating Committee—These zone representatives work together to seek candidates needed for the ballot for the next convention.

All of the offices are four-year terms except for the Nominating Committee, which are two-year terms.

If you have questions about any of the positions, please feel free to contact your zone representative or any of the members of the Nominating Committee, as follows:

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Kathie Hay, Oakes, Central Zone (khay@drtel.net)

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Karen Berg, Dickinson, SW Zone (mkbberg@ndsupernet.com)

We hope to hear from you soon!



ZONE SPRING RALLY INFORMATION

CENTRAL ZONE—April 5, 2014 at Concordia, Jamestown with LaMoure hosting. Theme will be “Showers of Grace” with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m. There will be a servant event in the afternoon.

NORTHWEST ZONE—April 26, 2014 at St. Paul’s, Minot. More details will be available when they are decided.

NORTHEAST ZONE—There will be no spring rally as this zone will be going back to a fall rally.

SOUTHWEST ZONE—April 26, 2014 at Hannover.

SOUTHEAST ZONE—This zone will not be having a spring rally this year.

EASTERN ZONE—April 5, 2014 at Cooperstown.



Please extend my gratitude to the ladies of the LWML for their continued support of our students. It is easy to overlook gifts when they have seemingly become routine or expected. For the nearly 23 years I have served in this position, the LWML has generously offered its support to our church work students. Let me assure you that your support is a fresh blessing every time a check arrives...



For the academic year 13-14, we provided aid to 12 students totaling of \$44,000. We offer aid on a graduated basis determined by the year of study. An undergraduate freshman received \$3,000 and a fourth seminarian \$4,500.

Bill Sharpe

JOY CARDS

Memorials & Honorariums October—December 2013

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



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GETTING TO KNOW THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

by Dee Pavicic, Vice President Communications

In my memento box, there is a 2" by 3" torn white scrap of paper with six hastily written words on it.

Some years ago, after my mom died, the family's big upright black piano was delivered to my home, along with the piano bench. I didn't clear out the piano bench until a year later within a couple weeks after my father died. As I began to sort through the worn piano books in the bench, I found a note. The note had been written by my father. Every time I look at the note it makes me weep. Yet, I can't throw it away. Written in my father's scrawling, were the words, "*my daughter is a freelance writer.*"

My father was an insurance salesman, and he was seldom home—except on weekends. His weekends were filled with errands and on Sundays, church services. I doubted that he ever knew where or how I was employed, and reasonably so, because my numerous positions weren't consistent, and they were always changing.

I've been employed in retail stores as a sales person, an advertising assistant, and once as the producer of the display signs, using a hand printing press. I've held temporary typist positions in scores of local businesses. I've been a newspaper reporter. I've been a teacher, a writer, an editor, and a publicist at North Dakota State University. The most difficult positions for me were those that required "writing", and even more difficult, were my attempts to be a "freelance writer".

To discover that my father had an awareness of my desire to be successful in a field that I considered the most difficult to conquer, and to write it on a note makes me weep. Writing is difficult, time-consuming, and seldom financially rewarding.

Committee Members Darci Wolff & Marie Johnson

It takes more space than a note to introduce Communication Committee Members, Darci Wolff, the LWML district newsletter editor and public relations coordinator, and Marie Johnson, the LWML district webmaster. Their positions require writing, editing, and expertise in graphics, layout and photography, and exceptional computer skills.

Darci, a year in advance, plans the content for each quarterly newsletter issue. She coordinates the ideas of the district and national LWML themes and goals. Her planning concerns the masthead, the table of contents, the news, the features, the columns, the editorials, personal tips, announcements, the district and local calendars, coming events and attractions. Darci then contacts the persons responsible for the activities. She will seek pictorial content or art work to enhance the copy. She suggests ideas for the leaders that clarify their activities.

After receiving the "copy", Darci creates the format or "lays out" the information into attractive newsletter space, scans in the pictures, writes the headlines and captions for the "hopefully" provided pictures. She edits the copy. She checks the spelling,

accuracy, and "timing" of the information. She brightens the newsletter with cartoons and art work. When all the contents are in place, each member of the Communication Committee, along with the District President and District Counselors, receive an email copy to review. Suggested changes or corrections are emailed to Darci; she then makes the correction and sends the newsletter to the printers. When Darci attends an LWML event, she brings her camera to record the memories for publication.

The completed newsletter is sent to **Marie Johnson, the LWML District webmaster, for posting on the LWML website.**

Excellent computer skills are required for a webmaster. Layout and design skills are needed. A webmaster wants "current information" and the information received is condensed for brevity so the information can be read and assimilated quickly. A website reader's attention span is short. Simplicity is important. Short sentences and short paragraphs are preferred. Often the sentences are in bulleted form.

Currently on the LWML website is information on Mission Grants, Mite Calendars, Events, The Messenger, Personnel, Forms and Resources, the Standing Rules, Bible studies, program helps, Young Women, and Leader Development Inspiration from President Paulette Huber's quarterly messages. There are links to the North Dakota District LCMS and the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. There is a link to the LWML store.

Examples of the content on the website:

- The 2014 District Convention, to be held in Wahpeton, June 20-22, with the theme of **Filled & Overflowing**, based on John 7:37-38.
- The Fall Women's Retreat, September 19-21, 2014, at the Chieftain Motel in Carrington, with Elaine Bickel as the "Inspirational speaker".
- How to be a "Pillar": In Your Group
- Payment Records for the current Mission Grants
- Post of *The Messenger*, from 2009
- Forms for positions to be filled at the 2014 District Convention

Take time to check out the website and make use of its valuable content. Keeping the site "current" can only happen if we help Marie out. Send Marie your event information promptly. Send her email messages commenting on what you like, and your suggestions for content. Access the website by typing: www.ndlwml.org

Praise God for these willing and hard-working members of the North Dakota District LWML Communications Committee.

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DISTRICT DATES

- ◆ LWML Board of Directors @ Bismarck ~ March 8, 2014
- ◆ Young Women's Retreat @ Bismarck ~ March 15, 2014
- ◆ Central Zone Spring Rally @ Jamestown ~ April 5, 2014
- ◆ Eastern Zone Spring Rally @ Cooperstown ~ April 5, 2014
- ◆ Central Zone Spring Rally @ Jamestown ~ April 5, 2014
- ◆ Northwest Zone Spring Rally @ Minot ~ April 26, 2014
- ◆ Southwest Zone Spring Rally @ Hannover ~ April 26, 2014
- ◆ LWML ND District Convention @ Wahpeton ~ June 20-22, 2014
- ◆ LWML Fall Retreat @ Carrington ~ September 19-21, 2014



The LWML North Dakota District is now on Facebook! Click the "Like" button at the top of the page to become a fan, stay current on news and upcoming events, and share Christian fellowship right from your desk. (www.facebook.com/ND.LWML)

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	\$28,000	\$7,000
Orphan Grain Train – North Dakota	\$7,500	\$7,500	-0-
Project 24 – Orphanages in Kenya	\$5,000	\$5,000	-0-
Restoring Security for His Children – Minot Dakota	\$5,000	\$5,000	-0-
Women's & Children Shelter at Standing Rock	\$5,000	\$5,000	-0-
Carolyn Walsh, Lutheran Bible Translator Missionary	\$2,000	\$2,000	-0-
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	\$52,500	\$15,500

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