

Lutheran Women's Missionary League North Dakota District



The Messenger

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

July/August/September 2013

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

LWML ND ~ Fall Women's Retreat September 20-22, 2013 Chieftain Conference Center ~ Carrington, ND

Have you marked these dates on your calendar? If not, do it now and plan to be at the Chieftain Motel in Carrington, ND, on September 20-22, 2013. Join your North Dakota sisters for a weekend of Bible study, an inspirational speaker, Helping Hands Workshop, prayer, fellowship, and fun.

Back by popular demand will be Rev. David Suelzle, Bible Study Leader, and Speaker, Dr. Mary Hilgendorf who will lead and inspire the women on the theme "More mutual ministry — Still Serving? How?"

Pastor Suelzle will lead the Bible Studies on the theme "Moving from a Ministry of Influence to a Ministry of Incarnation". Special guest speaker, Dr. Hilgendorf of Concordia University Wisconsin will offer a "Lutheran Love Dare" and challenge us to "dare" one another toward love and good deeds from the sheer joy of living in the love of God.

A "Helping Hands" workshop will give us an opportunity to work together to mark Bibles for Prison Ministry and make fleece blankets and tie quilts for the cancer center and homeless shelters.

There is also a rumor that the "Mission Chicks" will be attending and a special appearance of a "Southern Fried Chicken".

This retreat is an opportunity for women to take some time away from your busy days and spend time with your sisters in Christ. Come and enjoy this time of studying God's Word, growing in service, fellowship and fun. All women of the congregation are invited to attend and to bring their friends and relatives.

For more information, contact your LWML unit president for a registration brochure.

NATIONAL CONVENTION TOTALS

Offering #1—Mission Goal 2013-2015, \$52,837.98
Offering #2—Pittsburgh Lutheran Center for the Blind and Camp Bethesda in Cypress, TX (shared 50/50), \$28,049.70
Offering #3—LCMS Disaster Response—Hurricane Sandy Relief, \$30,654.22
Offering #4—LWML Heart to Heart Sisters Program, \$25,660.53
Mission Pledge Walk, \$69,554.60
Mite Jar in Exhibit Hall, \$363.72
Musical Mites (Mite Box placed on stage by song leader Dr. Vendetti), \$265.00

PRESIDENT PAULETTE PONDER...PITTSBURGH



Pittsburgh, Wow! What an inspiring experience to be "Quenched! By the Water!" Imagine these highlights: a National LWML Convention led by our dear

president Kay Kreklau from our very own ND District; beautiful worship services; Bible study with Donna Pyle; keynote speaker, Dr. Lujana Butts; mission speakers; luncheon speakers; mission walk; servant events; choir; music; LWML shopping; humorous interrupter, Elaine Bickel, and much more!

Pittsburgh, Wow! What a memorable event for me, personally, to experience an LWML Convention as District President. Highlights includ-

ed...water flowing from a huge pitcher after DP's poured water into a large basin from each district before the opening worship service to symbolize the oneness we have in Christ's living water; carrying our district banner with the YWR's in the procession of all district banners; special meetings and meals with Pres. Kay and the other DP's, and sitting with the YWR's Kira and Larissa, during our convention proceedings.

Pittsburgh, Wow! What a feat for 581 delegates to accomplish the business of electing officers, a new Jr. Counselor, and voting on bylaw changes. Our district had 34 people attend, including 7 delegates, 2 YWR's, and our Junior Counselor. We thank God for safety as we traveled by car, bus,

and plane.

Pittsburgh, Wow! What will we now do with this life-changing convention experience? How can we help quench the world's spiritual thirst? With God's help, we can continue in our mission, being quenched by the waters of baptism and fed through the Word and with holy food in the Lord's Supper. Our nourished spirits can proclaim Christ to the world, including the recipients of our LWML grants, the fruit of our little old mite boxes! In the words of our Bible study leader, Donna Pyle, "OK, Dudes (or "Dudette's), "let's go spray (quench) the world with the biggest hose on the planet!"

President Paulette

LWML ND DISTRICT ZONE RALLIES

****FALL RALLIES****

CENTRAL ZONE

Date: September 7, 2013

Location: Zion—Edgeley

Theme: "Are You Expecting" 1 Peter 3:11b-12a, 13-14

Registration: 9:30 a.m.

Hosted by St. John's—Oakes

NW ZONE

Date: October 12, 2013

Location: St. Paul—Minot

Speaker: PING presentation

SE ZONE

Date: October 5, 2013

Location: Peace—Barney

EASTERN ZONE

Date: October 12, 2013

Location: Beautiful Savior—Fargo

Speaker: PING presentation, Nat'l Convention report

Opening: 9:30 a.m.

Election: Zone President, District Nominating Committee

SW ZONE

Date: October 5, 2013

Location: Messiah—Mandan

If you can't make it to your zone rally, consider attending a rally in another zone.



SENIOR COUNSELOR ~ Pastor David Suelzle

“Wanna Have a Water Fight?”

“Quenched! By the Water!” As exciting and wonderful of an experience that the national LWML convention in Pittsburgh was, it lacked one thing. With a theme like “Quenched! By the Water!” I kept looking for the water balloons, super soakers and squirt guns! Apparently I must have read the registration material incorrectly. I thought it said to bring these items with you. Instead, it must have read: “Please leave all water balloons, super soakers, and squirt guns at home” because I didn’t see anybody ready for a water fight, except the youth from Camp Kidsburgh who were prepared to take on the LWML national executive board.

I remember the days of teaching the 7th grade class in Vacation Bible School all day long. Some of the students in my class asked if we could have a water fight. I always love a good water fight. But what about the rest of the VBS students. After much prayer and fasting I decided to have a lesson in baptism on the last day of VBS with all the students. You got it...we had a water fight!!! After we were all dripping wet, I did a closing devotion in the sanctuary about baptism and the importance of the water in baptism as God’s means of giving us His grace in the forgiveness of our sins.

In the waters of baptism we are connected to the “fight” against sin, death and the devil which Jesus won for us! Romans 6:3-5 says: *Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.*

The “fight” which took place on the cross was the “fight” against the devil which Jesus won **for us!!** We have the benefits of this victory through the waters of baptism. We are now forgiven, we no longer live under the power of the devil and we are heaven bound! So...when we talk about being “Quenched! By the Water!” we are confessing that we have the victory over sin, death, and the devil through faith in the Person & Work of Jesus alone! A water fight would have pictured this “battle” **and victory** because in a water fight everybody wins!! In the words of 1 Corinthians 15:57 ➔ *Thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.* We are truly “Quenched! By the Water!”

—Pastor Dave Suelzle, Senior Counselor

Applicants needed for LWML ND District 2014-2016 Mission Grants

Do you know of an organization who could benefit from the prayers and mites of the North Dakota LWML? There is not much time left to apply, and the LWML ND District 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.

Ladies of the LWML,

I would like to thank you for another year of your generous support as I study for the ministry. It has been a busy year full of Greek and Hebrew, but I am working hard and am on track to graduate in the spring of 2014—one more year! I am very grateful to be from a district which so highly values pastoral training in our Synod. May the Lord bless all you do in the coming year. —Eli Voigt



NOMINATING COMMITTEE REQUESTS CANDIDATES

Here I Am Lord!

Summer 2013 is already almost over and before we know it, spring 2014 and the LWML ND District Convention will be upon us. Have you given prayerful consideration to possibly serving in any of the positions that will be on the ballot in June? These are the positions that are available:

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| † Vice President Christian Life | † Vice President Servant Resources |
| † Recording Secretary | † Financial Secretary |
| † Nominating Committee | † Junior Pastoral Counselor |

All of the offices are a four-year term, except for the Nominating Committee, which are two-year terms. The Pastoral Counselor serves two years as Junior Counselor and two years as Senior Counselor.

If you are moved to submit your name for an office, please feel free to contact your Zone representative listed below. More information will be provided as the time of the convention nears. Bless you as you pray for guidance and may the Lord's will be done in your life!

Your 2012-2014 Nominating Committee,
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 Valerie Hauschild, Breckenridge, MN, SE Zone (nhauschild@wah.midco.net)
 Karen Berg, Dickinson, SW Zone (mkberg@ndsupernet.com)

LWML ND DISTRICT PRAYER CHAIN

President Paulette sends out prayer requests she receives via email. The following prayer requests were sent out Apr-July:

- † Family of Nikki Tyrrell in the loss of her uncle.
- † Family of Harriet Wolfgram in the loss of her mother.
- † Family of Raymond Maier in the loss of his wife, Neoma, who was a past LWML ND District President.
- † Glenn Bladow who had knee replacement surgery.
- † Prayers for the Oklahoma tornado tragedy.
- † Prayers for a wonderful, uplifting national convention in Pittsburgh and for safe travel!

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.



ATTENTION TREASURERS:

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should be sent to:
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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! Send it in to Darci Wolff, editor@ndlwml.org

LWML National Convention 2013—PICTURES



L to R: YWR Larissa Brelje, Pres. Paulette, YWR Kira Judson



Jr. Counselor Tim Jenks, Karen Lougheed, Mary Harvala, Valerie Biberdorf, Audrey O'Brien, Michelle Jenks by ND District Banner



Pastor Suelzle entertaining at the LWML Neighborhood Block party



Pres. Paulette by theme pitcher



Dee Pavicic & Dottie Sincebaugh



L to R: Dottie Sincebaugh, Mary Harvala, Valerie Biberdorf, Audrey O'Brien, Darci Wolff, Dee Pavicic

Sharon Kroeplin & Rita Kaeding



Geneal Roth, Mary Harvala, Valerie Biberdorf



President Kay Kreklau



Some of the ND Delegates



More ND Delegates

CENTRAL ZONE HONORS WOMEN



Pictured left to right:

Back row: ND LWML District President—Sue Corwin, Viola Nell, Sharon Retzlaff, Frances Schulz, Wilma Raugutt, Inez Ilegman, Esther Markuson, and Delia Waler.

Front row: Wilma Flakoll, Maxine Lapham, Marlene Brandenburg, Orpha Steinwand, Vera Schultz, Ardelle Loose, and Jean Hochhalter.

The LWML ND District Central Zone honored 48 women at the 2012 Spring Rally for fifty or more years of service to Christ by their membership in the LWML. Ladies honored were: **Carrington**—Delores Doeling, LaVern Malinski, Gladys Morlock, Ella Mae Neumiller, Maria Neumiller, & Elsie Schroeder. **Edgeley**—Marlene Brandenburg, Alvina Heidinger, & Cecil Speidel. **Ellendale**—Helen Breikreutz, Elina Delzer, Arlena Heinrich, Verna Klipfel, Esther Markuson, Viola Nell, Wilma Raugutt, Ruth Redlin, Orpha Steinwand, Luella Voegeli, & Nadine Zinter. **Forbes**—Wilma Flakoll & Leona Wolff. **Jamestown**—Marion Duff, June Ernie, Jean Hochalter, Ardis Johnson, Inez Liegman, Ardelle Loose, Margaret McBride, Fancel Schultz, & Vera Schultz. **Kensal**—Evelyn Spitzer & Alice Wolsky. **LaMoure**—Doreen Anderson, Deloris Krapu, Maxine Lapham, Alice Long, June Podoll, Helen Siedschlag, Genevive Siedschlag, Delia Waler, & Ardith Zimbleman. **Oakes**—Bea Domine, Doris Hankel, Marie Hankel, Molly Schnell, & Lorraine Zimbelman. **Sykeston**—Dorothy Retzlaff & Sharon Retzlaff.

Fourteen of the women were in attendance at the rally and received certificates as well as a beaded bookmark.

North Dakota Orphan Grain Train Seeks Your Help

Over the past twenty plus years, the members of the North Dakota District LWML have been such great supporters of the Orphan Grain Train—North Dakota Branch. Now as we move forward, I find that my age is taking its toll on my health. What we need are your ideas on who may assist or fill my shoes, even if this means finding a new location—possibly Jamestown, Bismarck or another location in the central part of the state. It would be important that such a person be a member of an LCMS congregation.

Our present location is OK; however, inconvenient, being on the far northern part of the state. It is a long distance to truck our items to the home office in Norfolk, Nebraska. Whether it does or does not remain in Bottineau, we do have a bus, pickup, enclosed trailer, forklift, pallet racks and pallet jack. We always seem to be blessed with the funds to fill our needs. We pray the Lord will bless us with a person or persons with a heart and passion for the needy. If you know of someone who would be interested, please contact us: Harold Gessner, 504 Jay Street, Bottineau, ND 58318; telephone: 701-228-5102; e-mail: hgogt@srt.com

JOY CARDS

Memorials & Honorariums April—June 2013

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



Beverly Schmidt—Birthday
Sharon Schlichtmann—Birthday



Nicci Henke (4)
Della Skluzak
Ruby Sedler (2)
Maxine Roeder
Howard Kath (2)
Dorothy Griffin
Herbert Grothmann
Allen Coppin
Neoma Maier (4)

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A Mountain Top Experience at National LWML Convention

By Janice Schmidt

Greetings from St. Andrew, Niagara, ND & Janice Schmidt, zone delegate privileged to represent the Northeastern Zone of ND at the Lutheran Women's Missionary League 35th Biennial convention held at Pittsburgh, PA, June 27-30, 2013.

Being a first-time attendee, this indeed was an eye-opener, mountain top experience!! I had no idea that the women of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod do so much to share God, His Ways, & His Word with people throughout our, much in need, whole world. To God be the Glory!

Nine North Dakotans rode with approximately 40 Minnesota North District people for a fun day and one-half bus trip. We left early on Wed., June 26th, from Fergus Falls, MN, picking up others at Alexandria, St. Cloud, and Rogers, MN. We stayed overnight at South Bend, IN, arriving at Pittsburgh on Thursday about 1:30 p.m.

Our bus driver took our "Gifts from the Heart Kits" to be sorted with items brought by other districts of USA. A total of 21,954 were distributed to people in the Pittsburgh area. Amazing!

Upon arrival, we registered and left our Mission in Motion walk pledge sheets and money at the registration tables. Some went to choir rehearsal. Before we arrived, servant connection activities had been done. 1,000 encouragement cards, 350 quilts, 700 coloring books, 1,500 gospel bracelets, 600 marked prison ministry Bibles, 500 college bags (treats & supplies), 155 school backpacks, and 330 fleece blankets were made along with 39 units of blood being donated. Group pictures were then taken in late afternoon with about 30 from North Dakota participating.

The convention officially opened Thursday evening. President Kay Kreklau from Drayton, ND, NE Zone presided at all of the sessions. Button popping time—done with expertise and to God's glory. Thank you, Kay! Each session opened with a procession of special honored guests and banner recognition.

Thursday evening a heart-warming worship service with communion was held—approximately 3,100 plus attendees and 500 volunteers were present. The guest speaker spoke to us about the theme of the conference (John 4:1-30 "We are quenched by the water" (the Living Water—Jesus) His Spirit by God's Word so we can be "quenchers" so others will be quenched. A wonderful desire, responsibility and privilege to be called to share the gospel with every tribe and nation.

All of the sessions opened with uplifting sing-a-longs led by Dina Vendetti. Both Friday and Saturday, a Bible study was taught, again sharing, "Quenched by the Water". We learned about Jesus, a Jew and man, the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, a Gentile and woman should not have even spoken to each other. He offered her Living Water—never to thirst again. She realized he was the Messiah (prophet) because He knew she had been married 5 times and now living with a man who was not her husband.

She left her water jar, rushed back to town and shared (the Disciples did not). She brought the town people back to hear Jesus for 2 days. Many got to know this was the Savior of the world. Where are we at? Are we concerned about our reputation, pre-judging, not helping, or putting people down when we should be sharing about God, His love, grace and mercy with others and looking forward to eternal life in heaven to glorify Him forever for He indeed is sovereign.

Friday morning, we 581 delegates were taught how to vote electronically. Throughout the convention we voted for new officers, amendments to the bylaws, and the selection of 18 of 30 mission grants (\$1,830,000 for 2013-2015 biennium) all decided in a matter of minutes. Modern technology—WOW! At noon Friday, we 800 first-timers, were privileged to have a luncheon with President Kay. At 5:00 p.m. 1,051 "Mission in Motion" participants walked to fulfill pledge donations brought from the districts. "Mites in Motion" also contributes a huge amount to the monies shared throughout the world.

Speakers gave us info as to what is currently being done in missions. Monies funded from 2011-2013: Working with Native Americans, in orphanages, education for women & children to cut down the horrors of human trafficking & prostitution, people dying from Malaria. Missionaries located in Haiti, Dominican Republic, Russia, Latin America, and Hong Kong.

Other activities: Report by President Kay, many reports & activities shared, greetings from LCMS President Dr. Rev. Matthew Harrison, report from Lutheran World Relief wanting 500,000 quilts, exhibit area of displays of organizations working with LWML.

The convention closed with another beautiful worship service on Sunday morning, installation of new officers, closing remarks, adjournment & goodbyes. We were back home on July 1st.

Thank you to all who worked with me to make it possible for me to attend and enjoy the convention—people from ND, MN, national office at Missouri, and people at the convention.

Because of modern technology, information of the LWML can be gotten from the website (www.lwml.org). Check often for ongoing activities. There is a bible study on Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. You can also call 800-252-5965. The next convention will be held at Des Moines, IA in June 2015. I challenge and urge you to go and have a mountain top experience.

Quote from President Kay: "With the help of God, go and tell the world."

Orphan Grain Train Container



On June 4th, OGT volunteers loaded a container from the Bottineau warehouse of the ND Branch—OGT for the Rev. ChuChu and the Lutheran Church of Kenya, our ND district partnership Church. We thank God for the LWML ladies and others who responded to our request for school kits, health kits, and layettes, as approximately 300 school kits/backpacks, 500 health kits, and 25 (banana) boxes of layettes/pillow

case dresses were sent. A special “thank you” to the children and staff of Martin Luther School, Bismarck, who filled 21 new backpacks with school supplies for the children of Kenya. Also included in the shipment

were 300 quilts, 100 boxes of clothing, and many boxes of Bibles and Christian literature, educational materials, and medical supplies. The container then went to the OGT headquarters in Norfolk, NE and was filled with boxes of processed rice meals, a “Kids Against Hunger” program. The contents were valued at over \$60,000. From Nebraska, it will go by rail to NY and be shipped to Kenya.



We are also thankful to God for all the cash contributions given to the ND Branch—OGT which made this special shipment possible, as the cost is around \$15,000. this is a way of sharing Christ’s mercy with the people of the Lutheran Church of Kenya. To God Be the Glory!

Shirley Hall, for the ND Branch—OGT



President Kay Kreklau extends her heartfelt thanks to the women of North Dakota for the flowers that

greeted her in her Pittsburgh hotel room and then at her home on her return. She was thrilled—it warmed her heart and brought tears to her eyes. She thanks you all for your thoughts and prayers.



Have you heard? The National Public Relations Director for this biennium is....

Debbie Larson, Bismarck

Congratulations Debbie!!!

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DISTRICT DATES

- ♦ Central Zone Rally at Edgeley ~ September 7, 2013
- ♦ Fall Retreat at Carrington ~ September 20-22, 2013
- ♦ SE Zone Rally at Barney ~ October 5, 2013
- ♦ SW Zone Rally at Mandan ~ October 5, 2013
- ♦ NW Zone Rally at Minot ~ October 12, 2013
- ♦ Eastern Zone Rally at Fargo—October 12, 2013
- LWML ND District Convention at Wahpeton ~ June 20-22, 2014

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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	\$21,000	\$14,000
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
Carolyn Walsh, Lutheran Bible Translator Missionary	\$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	\$38,500	\$29,500

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