

The Messenger

News for Women in Mission



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

LWML Young Women's Retreat

*March 18-19, 2011
Bethel Lutheran Church
Bismarck, ND*

*"Serve wholeheartedly,
as if you were serving
the Lord..."
-Ephesians 6:7*

Please join us starting Friday evening for food and fellowship. On Saturday we will do a Bible study, craft and servant event. Mark your calendar and pray the weather doesn't hinder our fun. Hope to see all of you then!

Blessings from,
LWML Young Women's Committee

CONVENTION NEWS

A logo design is needed for the convention banner that will be used at the Peoria convention. The designs are needed by November 10th and should be sent to President Sue. The theme of the banner should be based on the theme for the Peoria convention which is "Being with Jesus...Living on the Edge".



*The LWML convention
in Peoria, IL is just
around the corner! So
that means that the
applications for Young
Women
Representatives are
due on November 1st.
You can find a copy of
the application printed in this newsletter or online.*

HUMAN CARE

Vice President Valerie Biberdorf

"THORNS"

"... I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." 2 Corinthians 12:10

I pray that all of you who attended the retreat came away renewed and refreshed for living in this thorn-filled world.

God's blessings to all of you who brought "Mercy Kits" to the retreat. Sixty-five kits were collected that day and were given to Orphan Grain Train.

Start thinking now about attending the LWML convention in Peoria on June 23-26, 2011. Information will be in the Winter *Quarterly* and is now on the website at lwml.org. A list of items for Gifts from the Heart collection which will be taken at the convention can be found on Page 5 or at lwml.org.

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President's Message

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” Psalm 118:24.

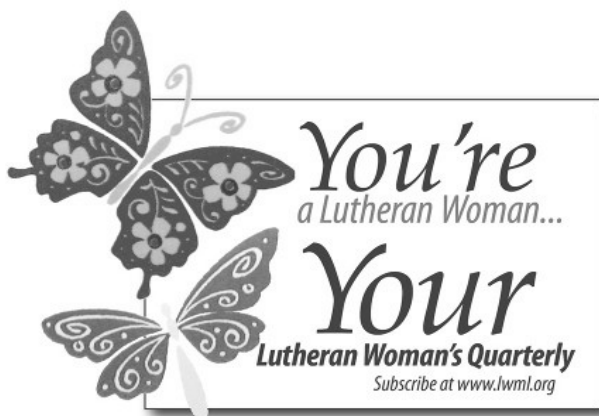
It is amazing how we always are looking and planning ahead. The stores are already putting up Christmas decorations and we have just entered the season of fall. We seem to always be planning and looking at dates on our calendars and wondering if we will have time for everything. We need to take time to just enjoy the time that God has given to us and everything around us and to offer prayers of thanksgiving for these gifts.

As we look forward to the coming months with all its activities and traveling that will be done to visit family during the holidays, let us take time to enjoy each day that God has given us and rejoice in them. We rejoice that God has sent his son Jesus to take our sins and know that we will have eternal life with Him.

Let us remember to give thanks for everything God has blessed us with especially for the gift of His Son. As we look forward to Christmas let us remember the reason for the season “Jesus” the best gift that we have been given. Let us rejoice in each day that God has blessed us with and let us share that joy with all that we meet.

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!”
Philippians 4:4

Serving with gladness,
Sue Corwin



CHRISTIAN LIFE

“THORNS”

Sounds of joys and sorrows filled the meeting room of the Chieftain Motel in Carrington the weekend of Sept. 17-19 as 75 women took part in the annual ND LWML Women’s Retreat. With the theme of the retreat being “Thorns” based on 2 Cor. 12:10, “...I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong” the women studied Scripture and heard the story of our special guest speaker.

Counselor Rev. David Suelzle led the women in identifying our thorns in the flesh, how we can deal with them and how we can support others in dealing with their thorns.

Speaker Heidi Floyd shared her story as she dealt with the thorn of breast cancer and pregnancy. Her daily conversations with God brought tears and laughter from the listeners.

Throughout the day the LWML Mite Squad collected over \$250 for Missions. The Silent Auction brought in over \$400 for support of our ND Mission Grants.

After a delicious dinner on Saturday evening the women had fun playing LWML Bingo. Talent show hostesses, Babs and Trixie, shared their humor as they introduced the women who shared their talents.

On Sunday morning, ND District President, Dr. James Baneck, led the worship service and sent the women on their way with the joy to serve the Lord with gladness.

So reserve the date for the 2011 retreat on Sept. 16, 17 and 18 to be in Carrington for the ND LWML Women’s Retreat.

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Trusting in God's Promises...

"and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me." Psalm 50:15 (ESV)

Have you ever wondered why God seems so slow to help at times, especially with the things that really matter most? I have. Have you considered doing something yourself without waiting for God's response to your prayers? I have. Did He really promise to deliver us from trouble? Or has he forgotten his promise?

Abraham must have felt like that sometimes. He was old. Worse yet, he had no son who could inherit – not only his property but that incredible promise God had made – that Abraham's descendants would be as many as the sand on the seashore and through him all the people of the earth would be blessed.

That couldn't happen without a son. But where was the son that God had promised? Many years went by and Abraham and Sarah went from old to elderly. It seemed to them both that it was far too late for her to conceive. Since there was no way Sarah could have a son by her husband, she suggested giving her maidservant Hagar to Abraham, and letting him have a son through her. That's how Ishmael was born.

When Sarah was 90, God finally said that the time had come for the promise to be fulfilled and she would become pregnant but Abraham found it difficult to believe. He responded by saying 'If only Ishmael might live under Your blessing.' Yet, God kept his promise when a baby boy was born to Abraham and Sarah. And many years later, it was just as God said, that all the nations of the earth would be blessed through Abraham when God's own Son gave His life on a cross on a hill outside of Jerusalem as a ransom for many.

What about us? Sometimes we're tempted to think that either God can't keep or won't keep His promises. Of course we need to be sure that God really did promise it in the first place. Some supposedly 'prophetic' words are not really from God at all. That's why we are to trust God and cling to His promises in the Bible.

When you pray, ask God to grant you patience. Then be willing to hear His answer. And as you thank Him, remember that His promises are always completely trustworthy.

Prayer: *Help me Lord to trust You and Your promises to me in Your Word - even when circumstances seem impossible. Help me to avoid going my own way and to always look to You for Your answers. In Jesus' name. Amen.*
Pastor Fenske, Senior Counselor

Zone Attendance

To help encourage more LWML members to attend zone rallies or other zone gathering, the district board conducted a survey of units to collect information about ways to improve involvement at the Zone level. The results showed that distance to the rallies caused one of the problems. To help remedy this problem the following three solutions were suggested.

1. LWML members may attend rallies and other gatherings in any zone. If it is not the zone your unit belongs to, you cannot vote, hold an office, or be on a committee.
2. Zones are encouraged to hold fall rallies in a central location to encourage greater attendance.
3. Units that are at the outer edges of a zone and would like to join another zone that is close in proximity and would involve less travel may apply to be transferred after completing the following requirements:
 - The unit desiring to join a different zone should send a letter with the unit's pastor's signature requesting the transfer to the Zone President of the zone they wish to join before the Zone Executive Board Meeting.
 - The unit requesting the change would attend the Fall Rally of the zone they wish to join and make the formal request. At the Fall Rally all members of the zone would vote on the request.
 - Upon acceptance by the Zone the unit would send a letter with the unit's pastor's signature to the ND District LWML Board of Directors and the Zone they are leaving stating the transfer

++ NOTICE TO TREASURERS ++

Please remember to send mites and other monies to the financial secretary:

Sharon Kroeplin
13861 – 3rd St SE
Hope, ND 58046

THANK YOU CARDS . . .

Thank you for having the Orphan Grain Train as one of your mission projects again! We appreciate the support and gifts you have given to us through the years! On behalf of the North Dakota Grain Train and God's people throughout the world I would like to thank you for your donation of \$4,000. This is a very special mission project and we appreciate your support. God Bless!

Thanks again,
Diane Boll, Treasurer OGT

Dear Sue and the Women of the ND District LWML:

Greetings in the Lord! On behalf of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and all who are being reached with our ministry of the Word of God in North Bismarck, I would like to thank-you for the LWML's consistent support of Holy Cross. Thank-you!

The LWML is a unique and special ministry partner of our mission and we rejoice in all the prayers, help and support that you've been able to give to us over the last several years. We especially appreciate the special offering that you gathered for the work of Holy Cross at the North Dakota District LWML Convention in June. It was a joy to see you all again and to have a booth at the convention. And I greatly appreciated being given the opportunity to preach at the closing worship service.

The Lord bless you all with repentance and faith in our Lord Jesus and may He be glorified in all that we do and say.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Matt Thompson
Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Bismarck
holycrossbismarck.org



Give
Thanks
to the
Lord
for He
is
GOOD!
Psalm 107:1

The District LWML E-mail Prayer Chain

Let us lift up our hearts and hands in prayer...

The District Board of Directors continues to maintain an e-mail prayer chain. This allows for fast broadcasting of information and the prayer chain is very active. It is open to anyone who would like to participate. At this time, let us pray for:

{+} Continued dedicated mite giving to help spread the Gospel throughout the world and the goals will continue to be attained in support of district mission grants. Prayers of thanksgiving and rejoicing for the District Mission Grants paid at this time.

{+} Vacant and calling congregations that they may soon have pastors to serve them.

{+} The many brothers and sisters who are under medical care and in need of the Lord's care.

{+} All those we know of who are suffering and in need of the Lord's help.

{+} Those who are serving in the military and away from family

{+} Those who are mourning the loss of a loved one

{+} Special requests: Nicole Henke – hospitalized, Ethan -recovering from a bicycle accident; Connie & Tom – health issues; Jake - health issues; Marilyn Brandner – cancer surgery; Hope Drews – breathing issues; Kristi Dilger – heart problems; Eloise Khulman – knee surgery; Norma – broken collar bone.

We find comfort and peace, knowing that God does hear our prayers and will answer them.

Let's never forget – the power of prayer doesn't come from the pray-er, and it isn't in the words, but it comes from the One who calls us His own. We pray so that we will always be aware of His power, mercy, forgiveness and love.

If you would like to participate in the e-mail prayer chain, just e-mail President Sue at scorwin@csicable.net and let her know that you would like to receive the prayer requests.

Gifts from the Heart ... (cont'd from page 1)

Quilts any size for Orphan Grain Train (pack in heavy duty clear plastic bag)

New Bath Towel/Hand Towel/Washcloth

(pack in clear plastic zip lock bag)

1 Bath Towel

1 Hand Towel

1 Wash cloth

1 Christian Tract or Bible Verse (inside the bag)

Men's, Women's and Children's Underwear in the original packaging

(label correctly)

1 Christian Tract or Bible Verse (securely taped onto package)

New Children's Picture Bibles (English) or Arch Books

Kits- Men, Women or Children (mark which one)

(all items are to be NEW and regular size – not travel size)

(pack in clear plastic zip lock bag)

Men/ Women Kits

Socks

Stick Deodorant

Disposable Razors (M)- Hand or Body Cream (W)

Toothbrush

Bar of Soap

1 Christian tract or Bible Verse inside the bag

Children

Socks

Box of 8 Crayons

Safety Scissors

Christian Coloring Book

Christian Story Book

Toothbrush

CONVENTION 2012

The ND District LWML convention will be held in Grand Forks on June 22-24, 2012. The theme of the convention is "With Jesus...Right Where You Are" based on Micah 4:2b, 5b. Watch for upcoming information as the Northeast Zone will be our hosts for this convention

Memorials

In memory of Elaine Kieth
 In honor of Ida Schlichtmann's 85th Birthday
 In memory of John (Jack) Sturgess
 In memory of Avis King
 In honor of Miriam Repnow
 In memory of Chris Speidel
 In honor of Bev Schmidt
 In honor of Nicole Henke
 In memory of Ted Kempel
 In memory of Lester Bergeman
 In memory of Eveyln Lueck
 In memory of Eveyln Lueck
 In honor of Sharon Schlichtmann
 In memory of Evelyn Lueck
 In memory of Joe Pavicic
 In memory of Joe Pavicic

In memory of Joanne Beiswenger
 In memory of Joe Pavicic
 In Memory of Hazelle Mickelson
 In Memory of Esther Kobernick
 In Honor Of Frieda Steinke
 Winger and Herrmann Funeral
 In Honor of Ray & Sharon Schlicktmann's 50th ...
 In Honor of James & Ruth Johnson's 50th Wedding Anniversary
 In honor of Pastor & Eunice Deitemeyer
 In Memory of Edith Thimjon
 Funerals Vietz and Sterns
 In Memory of Frederick Tritten
 In Memory of Adeline Dichraff
 In Memory of Frederick Tritten
 In Honor of Ruth Rust's 80th Birthday
 In Memory of Helen Olstad - Evelyn Brendemuhl

ATTENTION:

All Zone Historians or Presidents

Please send a copy of your program bulletin and other material you used at the Fall Rally to me. Include the theme, speaker, gathering items and pictures if you identify the people in the photo. Thanks, Nikki Rahlf, 271 Grove St. Sutton, ND 58484



Come let us adore him!

YOUNG WOMAN REPRESENTATIVE LWML CONVENTION

2010–2012 ND District Officers & Zone President

Qualifications

1. Any mature young woman who is preferably 18-35 years of age and a member of the LCMS may become a Young Woman Representative at the LWML Convention.
2. She shall have a deep love and devotion to her Lord Jesus Christ and be willing to participate in all aspects of this program of the LWML.
3. She shall be able to be away from home and/or work for the entire convention and travel time.
4. She shall be willing to attend all sessions of the convention, sitting in assigned seating, though she will not be able to vote.
5. She shall complete the application form and return it to the Vice President of Servant Resources.

Expectations

1. She will attend all sessions of the LWML Convention and all activities for Young Women Representatives.
2. She will give a report to the ND District Convention following the LWML Convention.
3. She will commit herself to involvement in her local, zone, and district LWML activities, including support of young women's functions.
4. She shall be willing to share her impressions and experiences in the ND District LWML Messenger and the ND District Supplement to the Lutheran Witness.
5. She will keep an accurate and detailed record of her expenses with receipts and submit them to the District LWML Financial Secretary for reimbursement. The ND LWML will cover registration, housing, meals, and travel expenses.

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Application for Young Women Representative To National LWML Convention

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Occupation _____ Church Name _____

- 1) The LWML motto is "Serve the Lord with Gladness." (Ps. 100:2) How do you do this in your life?

- 2) What groups/activities have you been active in at church?

- 3) What is your knowledge of and level of participation in LWML, if any?

- 4) Why do you desire to attend the national LWML convention?

- 5) What do you feel are the special strengths (gifts) that God has given you?

- 6) The convention is an interesting and spiritually inspiring event. It is, however, also a working session of the organization, and at times the sessions can be long and the days and evenings are packed with events. There is very little free time and it can be very tiring. Understanding all of this, can you willingly accept participating in the full scope of the convention?

- 7) We ask that you have someone who knows you well (i.e. friend, society president, etc.) list their name and relationship to you and answer the question, "Why do you feel this individual would be a good candidate to attend the national LWML convention?" (Use and attach a separate sheet of paper.)

Please return completed application to:

Eileen Larson
510 West Ave C
Bismarck, ND 58501

ND MISSION GRANTS 2010–2012

Grant	Budgeted	Amount Paid	Balance
<i>Orphan Grain Train—ND Division</i>	\$7,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,500.00
<i>North Dakota Full-Time Church Worker Scholarships</i>	\$35,000.00		\$35,000.00
<i>Everyone's Child—Bibles for Dakota Boys/Girls Ranch</i>	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00
<i>Pregnancy Help Services—First Choice Clinic</i>	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00
<i>Concordia Seminary, St. Louis Food Bank</i>	\$4,000.00		\$4,000.00
<i>Martin Luther School Tuition Assistance</i>	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00
<i>ND LCMS Mission Starts</i>	\$8,500.00		\$8,500.00
TOTAL	\$67,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$63,000.00



Be sure to visit the District website:
www.ndlwml.org



The ITC is pleased to announce that LWML is now on Facebook! Follow this link <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Saint-Louis-MO/Lutheran-Women-in-Mission-LWML/138773569497140> to visit our official page. Then click the 'Like' button at the top of the page to become a 'fan' and receive our daily updates in your Facebook feed. If you don't have a Facebook account, now is a great time to sign up. Once you are a fan of the LWML page, click the 'Suggest to Friends' link to let all your friends know about our page.

++ Mark your Calendars ++

- Nov. 12-13 BOD meeting in Jamestown
- Mar 11-12, 2011, BOD meeting in Carrington
- June 23-26, 2011, LWML convention in Peoria
- June 22-24, 2012, LWML District convention in Grand Forks.



The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each women of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.