

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 2014

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

Filled...and Overflowing

LWML ND DISTRICT CONVENTION
June 20-22, 2014
North Dakota State School of Science
Wahpeton, ND

LWML Convention
Des Moines, IA
June 25-28, 2015



Theme:

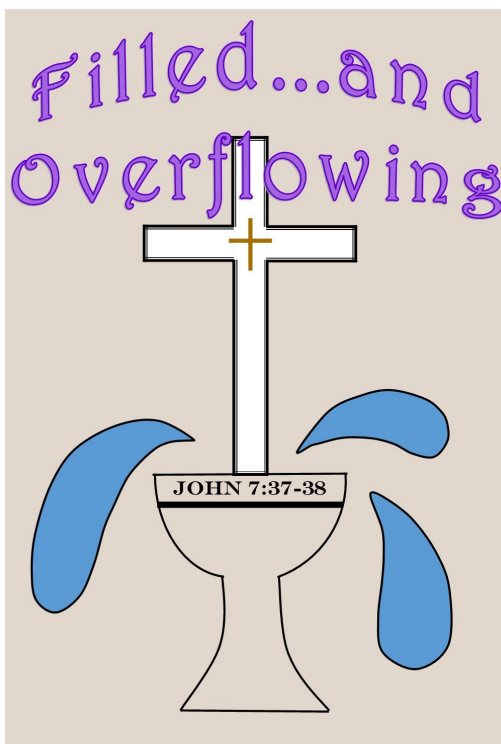
Bountiful! Sow • Nourish • Reap
based on

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:8 NIV)

Convention Logo Explanation:

The brown line represents mankind as a newly plowed field open to receive God's bountiful blessings. As God nourishes His people with His Word and Sacraments, the Holy Spirit nurtures faith in Christ Jesus who, by His death on the cross, gives salvation and forgiveness to all believers and empowers them to serve as His light (depicted by the sun) to the world. The two green lines represent the abundant fruits produced through His grace by God's people. The three lines together depict an open Bible. In response to His grace, mercy, and bountiful blessings we thank, praise, and share our Father's love.

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This edition of *The Messenger* contains your **Official Call to Convention** "packet". Please pay special attention to this "packet" found on pages 4—16 of this newsletter. Delegates should be sure to become familiar with the mission grant proposals and nominated officers which will be voted on at convention.

PRESIDENT PAULETTE PONDERES...PAIN & PROMISE



As I type this, I am experiencing the **pain** of having shingles, the dreaded disease that everyone hopes to avoid as we get older! As I laid

sleepless a few nights, I cried out to God, "If it be Your will, please take this from me!" reminding me of the words that Christ cried out as He endured the much more severe **pain** on the cross for the whole world. Because we live in a **painfully** sinful world, **pain** comes in many varieties: emotional, physical, mental, labor **pains**, growing **pains**, etc. Even though difficult, as a Lutheran Christian, I understand that Jesus suffers my **pain** with me and **promises** to see me through by giving me grace to endure un-

til the healing time comes on this earth or ultimately in heaven.

People all around us are hurting and are in need of a remedy for their **pain**. They are in need of a prescription of **promise**! Some of us may say, "My husband is a **pain**" (Sorry honey!) or "my job is a **pain**". Even in our work for the Lord in a Christian organization like LWML, we may say "this convention planning, the reports, or other work is a **pain**". Jesus has prescribed the **promise** that our **pain** or our hard work will not be in vain! Colossians 3:23 says "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." Reminds us of the old saying, "no

pain...no gain". Ultimately, Christ's example and conquer of **pain** means the faithful will gain; "His **pain**...our gain!" He **promises** to bless our sometimes **painful** efforts and turns them into opportunities to share the promises of joy, faith, and comfort to our friends and neighbors and all recipients of our mission grants at home and abroad.

As we move from the Lenten suffering and **pain** of Jesus' passion to the **promise** of the resurrection victory, we know that through Him we will be able to joyfully endure all **pains** and live in the **promise** of eternal life beginning now! Yes, I still have shingles and I'm still feeling the back **pain**, but I know my Jesus is right here beside me!

President Paulette

LWML ND DISTRICT PRAYER CHAIN

President Paulette sent out these prayer requests she received via email, for Feb-March:

- † Prayers for Dottie Sincebaugh for healing after surgery.
- † Prayers for Patton, son of Josh & Angie Douglas, just diagnosed with Leukemia.
- † Prayers for son of preschool teacher of Marie Johnson's daughter, that tests would reveal what is causing his sickness.
- † Prayers for Mel Fenske after his second leg amputation and for his wife and caretaker Lorraine after she slipped on ice and broke her cheekbone and bruised ribs.
- † Prayers for President Paulette's nieces daughter, awaiting test results from Mayo.
- † Prayers for Roger Emter recovering from hip replacement surgery.
- † Prayers for Amanda Fitch, daughter of Pastor & Darci Fitch, hospitalized with Kawasaki disease.
- † Prayers for the Board of Directors meeting in Bismarck.
- † Prayers for Bill Sharpe as he undergoes a procedure to replace a heart valve.
- † Prayers for Knox, 4-month old grandson of Sharon Kroeplin, as he undergoes gall bladder surgery.
- † Prayers for President Paulette as she deals with painful shingles.
- † Prayers for Ruby Paulson, President Paulette's mother, for blood transfusion due to low hemoglobin.
- † Prayers for President Paulette's "adopted" African son, Polydor Kulu, awaiting word on his wife's visa.
- † Prayers for Sandy Klemz, daughter-in-law of Ruth Klemz, battling infection after surgery.

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.



Chantel Zeller, Vice President of Human Care



Having recently lost some of my mentors and friends, I am reminded of how short our earthly life is, and, while God allows us to be here, we as Christian women can share with others the love and compassion that we all are blessed with. One of my favorite Bible verses is Matthew 7:1—2: *“Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.”* It is a humbling reminder that no matter how upset, hurt, angry, or disappointed I might become with the actions of others, I am not to judge, but I am called to treat all of God’s children with compassion and love. I also am so blessed knowing I have the support of my fellow LWML sisters in Christ to share my feelings, beliefs, and fears and a Heavenly Father always keeping me and those around me in His care.

Openly showing our love and compassion to our fellow neighbors is becoming a lost art and I see a very small number of individuals possessing the ability to do this. It is something that we all can strive to achieve. Offering a smile rather than turning a cold shoulder can become an automatic response rather than a forced effort. As Ephesians 4:32 states, *“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”*

Take the time to be loving and compassionate to your fellow neighbors. Don’t take your family and loved ones for granted. Be open to sharing all of the wonderful talents God has given you. God is good and has a mission for us during our short “earthly” lives...to share the Good News of our Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and the joy and peace that comes from knowing Him. *“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”* Matthew 5:9. Each day is a special gift from God. Make the most of it by being patient, kind, caring and loving toward your fellow neighbor...even the most challenging interactions might be broken with a caring word and warm smile. I miss the mentors and friends I am no longer able to hug and visit with; however, I know that they have left their mark of kindness and faith on me and others that had the privilege of knowing them. Human kindness and compassion are two of the greatest gifts God has given us. Please use yours daily.



What Quenches Your Thirst?

LWML ND FALL RETREAT

Carrington, ND

September 19-21, 2014

Are you thirsty? What quenches your thirst? Coffee? Tea? Milk? Diet Soda? Lemonade? Power drinks? Water?

The annual LWML Fall Women’s Retreat will be held on September 19-21, 2014, at the Chieftain Motel in Carrington, ND.

The theme of the retreat is “What Quenches Your Thirst?” based on John 4:14. Guest speaker, Elaine Bickel, will be sharing her thoughts to help us understand the answer to this question. Our Pastoral Counselors will be leading us in Bible Study to recognize that only Jesus can give us the “water of life”.

Save the date and plan to join your sisters-in-Christ at the retreat in Carrington!

Official Call to Convention

Members of the LWML North Dakota District, this is your official Call to Convention. We have been called to be “*Filled and Overflowing*”. Come to Wahpeton, June 20-22, 2014, and be filled and overflowing with Jesus as we participate in Bible Study and listen to our speakers.

Delegates to the convention will have voice and vote. We will vote on mission grants and new officers.

I invite you to come energized as Lutheran Women in Mission. Please join me and the women of the Southeast Zone as we all overflow with joy and service to the Lord.

Serving with Gladness,
Paulette Huber, LWML ND District President

Servant Events

On Friday, June 20th, you can participate in a variety of servant events beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the NDSCS Student Center

- Tying fleece blankets for Three Rivers Crisis Center
- Putting together backpacks for Someplace Safe
- Marking Bibles

Convention Choir

Like to sing? Consider being a part of the Convention Choir. Rehearsal will be at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Friday, June 20th, from 2:30-4:00 p.m.

2014 Convention Speaker Snapshots



Keynote Speaker, Deb Burma, has a passion for sharing Christ's love. Raised on a ranch in western South Dakota, Deb is a graduate of the University of Texas at Dallas. She is not only a stay-at-home mom but also a ministry leader, writer, and speaker. Deb has directed several women's

ministries, as well as family and children's ministries, in multiple churches across the Midwest. She enjoys traveling around the country as a guest speaker and leader of women's ministry retreats. Deb is also the author of several Bible studies, retreats, devotionals and, most recently, the book *Stepping out: to a Life on the Edge*.

Mission Speaker, Danelle Putnam, serves the



Lord in Dominican Republic as a developmental disabilities outreach missionary. Danelle's work includes reaching out in various ways to people with developmental disabilities

and their families who care for them. Prior to her work in Dominican Republic, Danelle spent six years serving with the LCMS in Panama, organizing Sunday school and evangelism programs with special emphasis on women and children.

Danelle was born in Corvallis, Ore., and was raised in Montana. She graduated from Linfield College in Oregon with a bachelor's degree in Spanish and a minor in Latin American studies. She is currently pursuing deaconess studies at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind.



LWML Representative,
Shelley Moeller, is the Vice President of Gospel Outreach. The education administrator at her church, Shelley is busy year round. She is a member of the choral and bell choirs, has held every society office,

was ESP Facilitator for the zone, and has served on the district level as Mission Service Chairman, Publications Chairman, First Vice President (Christian Life), Central Illinois District President, and is Bylaws chairman. She served on the HOPE Committee at the national level during the 2011-2013 biennium.

MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS 2014—2016

MG 901 ~ \$35,000

ND Full-time Church Workers Scholarships

WHEREAS, North Dakota youth and adults who desire to be educated and become full-time workers in God's kingdom in the LCMS should be encouraged and aided as they train to serve the Lord; and

WHEREAS, Christ, in His Holy Word has commanded us to go into all the world to teach and proclaim His message of salvation; and

WHEREAS, the cost of higher education continues to escalate and become a burden for those students; and

WHEREAS, the students who will benefit from these scholarships are members (or were at the time of their initial scholarship application) of North Dakota LCMS congregations;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the ND District LWML in convention in the year 2014 grant \$35,000 to be used in this financial aid program for students pursuing full-time church work vocations at an LCMS college, university or seminary in collaboration with the ND District LCMS.

MG 902 ~ \$5,000

All Faiths Chapel Music Ministry Grafton, ND

WHEREAS, our church's confession in the Augsburg Confession Article V states – "That we may obtain faith, the Ministry of Teaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments was instituted. For through the Word and Sacraments, as through instruments, the Holy Ghost is given, who works faith; where and when it pleases God, in them that hear the Gospel, to wit that God, not for our own merits, but for Christ's sake, justifies those who believe that they are received into grace for Christ's sake." And

WHEREAS, *Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God* (Romans 10:17); and

WHEREAS, music, too, can proclaim the Gospel ; and

WHEREAS, therapeutic results of music, the witness to Christ and the Bible study presentations from the All Faiths Chapel music ministry have received acclamations and expression of appreciation from staff at the center, shut-ins, and others from around the country and even "seekers" from around the world as an outreach ministry;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the LWML ND District in convention in the year 2014 grant \$5,000 to the All Faiths Chapel Music Ministry for the purchase of a recorder and needed supplies.

MG 904 ~ \$5,000

Kenya Africa Rescue Centers

WHEREAS, Christ says "let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" and

WHEREAS, Christ says "I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, . . . whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me" and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota District of the LCMS in

convention passed resolutions in support of funding the costs of construction of 1.5 Project 24 Rescue Centers in Kenya, Africa;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the LWML ND District in convention in the year 2014 grant \$5,000 to Project 24 to provide funding for the ND District-funded Project 24 centers in Kenya, Africa.

MG 906 ~ \$5,000

Bibles for Peace Officer Ministries

WHEREAS, peace officers, who are God's servants, are to be honored and supported (Romans 13:1-7); and

WHEREAS, their constant exposure to sin and its consequences puts officers at high risk; and

WHEREAS, all people, including peace officers and those with whom they work, need the healing and nurturing message of Christ's love (Romans 8:3); and

WHEREAS, God's Word has the power to save (Romans 1:16);

Therefore, be it resolved, that the LWML ND District, in convention in the year 2014, grant \$5,000 to Peace Officer Ministries for the printing and distribution of *God's Word for Peace Officers: Tactical Edition*.

MG 907 ~ \$5,000

Responding Holistically to Refugees

WHEREAS, our Lord has commanded His disciples to reach out to all nations with His Word, emphasizing preaching, teaching, and baptizing; and

WHEREAS, the LCMS has affirmed its mission to immigrants in its 2010 convention; and

WHEREAS, people from many nations arrive in St. Louis, MO in need of help in their assimilations through English Language classes, medical screening and assistance, furniture distribution, children's outreach at the Peace Center, and a Heart to Heart Sisters group facilitated by woman leaders; and

WHEREAS, by the grace of God, Christian Friends of

New Americans has worked since 2002 among refugees and immigrants to welcome and assist in many ways to thrive in their new homeland, bring them the Good News of Jesus, and connect them to the Lutheran congregations;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the LWML ND District in convention in the year 2014 vote the sum of \$5,000 to help fund the Outreach to Children and Peace Center Coordination of Responding Holistically to Refugees.

MG 909 ~ \$5,000

Christ the Way Radio Ministry

WHEREAS, *Christ the Way* Radio Ministry has shared the gospel of Jesus Christ with many people in several Midwestern states since 1929; and

WHEREAS, *Christ the Way* is a ND District LCMS radio ministry as the messages are recorded by pastors of the ND District; and

WHEREAS, *Christ the Way* has no endowment fund and must rely on the donations of individuals and other organizations if its ministry is to continue in the future;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the LWML ND District in convention in the year 2014 grant \$5,000 to support the Gospel ministry of *Christ the Way* radio program.

MG 913 ~ \$8,000

Providing Spiritual & Emotional Care for Pastors

WHEREAS, our pastors are in constant attack by the devil, the world, and their own sinful flesh (1 Peter 5); and

WHEREAS, many pastors experience depression, anxiety, and burn-out which adversely affects the local congregation and the Church as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the church deeply cares for her pastors in love and mercy in real and tangible ways; and

WHEREAS, the costs are significant in providing personalized care to our pastors in need; and

WHEREAS, Doxology and Shepherd's Canyon are entities of the Church that give care and assistance to pastors;

Therefore, be it resolved, the LWML ND District in convention in the year 2014 grant \$8,000 to the North Dakota District LCMS for the spiritual and emotional care of our pastors in the ND District LCMS.

MG 914 ~ \$5,000
Financial Assistance for
Food & Clothing Co-op
Fort Wayne, IN

WHEREAS, individuals from around this country and world come to Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN, to prepare to serve God's people here in the United States as well as in mission work around the world; and

WHEREAS, when students make the decision to leave jobs and come to the seminary with their families, they no longer have the same financial funding that they had before, but continue to have the same needs; and

WHEREAS, the seminary seeks to reduce this financial burden by providing students access to a Food and Clothing Co-op, which currently supplies between 80% and 90% of all families' food and household needs each month at no cost to the student, relying on donations from individuals, congregations and organizations,

Therefore, be it resolved that the LWML ND District in convention in the year 2014 grant the sum of \$5,000 for the purchase of perishable items for the Food and Clothing Co-op of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN.

MG 917 ~ \$5,000
Martin Luther School Tuition Assistance

WHEREAS, our Lord Jesus encourages us to let the little children come to Him; and

WHEREAS, Martin Luther School has provided Christ-centered education to both children and their families; and

WHEREAS, many families desire a Christian based education for their children but cannot afford the cost of private tuition fees;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the LWML ND District in convention in the year of 2014 grant \$5,000 to Martin Luther School to use for tuition assistance for deserving families.

MG 918 ~ \$4,154
Free Medical Checkups—Rural India

WHEREAS, Lutheran Hour Ministries is committed to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ by helping the poor and illiterate people in India with free medical check-ups; and

WHEREAS, India is one of the fastest growing countries in the world and is a country where 85% of the population lives in villages without proper hygienic conditions; and

WHEREAS, the ministry center in Chennai, India, will recruit doctors, nurses and lab technicians to volunteer their services and to assist in this outreach without any payment or salary; and

WHEREAS, hosted by youth from local congregations, this project will demonstrate the love of God in Christ and positively affect the lives of individuals, their families and the entire society;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the LWML ND District in convention in 2014 adopt as a Mission Grant the allocation of \$4,154 to fund two free Medical Check-Up Camps in Rural parts of India.

MG 922 ~ \$5,000
New Playground at Shepherd's Hill Retreat

WHEREAS, Shepherd's Hill Retreat, Inc. is our only LCMS-based camp and retreat center in ND; and

WHEREAS, the location's playground is very old and in need of major repair; and

WHEREAS, the budget of Shepherd's Hill Retreat does not have funds to upgrade the playground; and

WHEREAS, a Noah's Ark playground would provide a memorable experience for all who enjoy it;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the LWML ND District in convention in June 2014 grant funds in the amount of \$5,000 for the construction of a new playground at Shepherd's Hill Retreat, Inc.

MG 925 ~ \$3,500

Glad Tidings for Native Alaskans

WHEREAS, Jesus commanded us to "go and make disciples of all nations..." and

WHEREAS, the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ is sorely needed in SW and all of Alaska due to the Native people facing special challenges of abuse and addiction; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Mission for Christ is ministering to the people living in remote villages of SW Alaska through vacation bible schools, sports camps, adult bible studies, and repair of homes and church buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Alaska Mission for Christ has access to the culture of Native Alaskans and can learn and use local ways to teach the good news of Jesus Christ while being true to the Scriptures and the traditional teachings of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the LWML ND District in convention in the year 2014 grant \$3,500 to the Alaska Mission for Christ for development of a cultural Guide for proclaiming the Gospel in the Native communities of SW Alaska

MG 926 ~ \$4,000

Sudanese Lay Pastor Training

WHEREAS, God has commanded us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel and the need for workers in the harvest field is great; and

WHEREAS, the Sudanese Lutherans in Fargo worship at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church; and

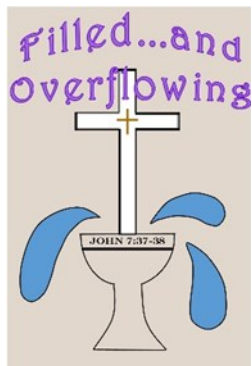
WHEREAS, Sudanese lay-leaders Daniel and Samuel, are enrolled at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis in the EIIT program to become pastors specializing in ethnic ministries; and

WHEREAS, the cost of education in the 4 year program is \$8,000 per year;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the LWML ND District in convention in the year 2014 grant \$4,000 to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Fargo, ND for the tuition for Sudanese lay-leaders Daniel and Samuel in the EIIT program at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO.

Unsung Hero

President Paulette has a special request for all units! Please recognize a special lady in your unit...an "Unsung Hero"! We are asking every unit to choose one woman that you may consider an "unsung hero"...that is someone who may have served unwaveringly, been faithful in attending meetings, rallies and conventions, or who has been very faithful in other ways to the ministry of the LWML, all without much recognition. Please send a picture and a short description of your heroine no later than May 15 to: Eileen Larson, 510 W. Ave. C, Bismarck, ND 58501 or email to el Larson2@bis.midco.net and she will do a power point on these women that will be shown at a special time during our convention. These special ladies, if in attendance, will process in carrying an ingathering item brought by the attendees. If she cannot attend, you may recognize her in your own way and time, but still send the info to Eileen. You may want to make a certificate for her using the computer, run it off on special award paper, etc.



Jesus said, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him." John 7:37-38

REGISTRATION FORM

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

North Dakota District 36th Biennial Convention

June 20-22, 2014

*North Dakota State School of Science
Wahpeton, ND*



NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY, STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____
EMAIL _____

ZONE: ☐ CENTRAL ☐ EASTERN
☐ NORTHEAST ☐ SOUTHWEST
☐ NORTHWEST ☐ SOUTHEAST

CHURCH NAME _____
CHURCH CITY _____

Please fill out each section below AND enter the fee that corresponds with it on the back of this form

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO YOU:

- ☐ Member ☐ Delegate ☐ Alternate Delegate ☐ Past District President ☐ First Time Attendee
☐ Guest ☐ Teen (ages 12-17) ☐ Exhibitor (see additional instructions in fee section on page 2)
☐ Young Woman (ages 18-35) ☐ Worker – list committee: _____
☐ Pastoral Counselor (__ District __ Zone __ Unit) ☐ District Board Member (__ Voting __ Non-Voting)

PLEASE CHECK ALL THE EVENTS YOU WILL ATTEND:

- ☐ Convention Choir ~ Rehearsal: 2:30-4:00pm, Friday June 20 @ Immanuel Lutheran Church
☐ Servant Events ~ Friday June 20, 2:00-4:00pm @ NDSCS Student Center
(Tying Fleece Blankets for Three Rivers Crisis Center; Filling backpacks for Someplace Safe; Marking Bibles)
☐ Friday Dinner ~ 5:00-6:30pm @ Immanuel Lutheran Church **no cost** __ # attending, yourself & guests
☐ Saturday Breakout Luncheons (mark your choice below)
__ Young Women/1st Time Attendees __ The Planning Zone __ The Heart of LWML __ Remember When...
☐ Mite Pledge Walk ~ 6:30-7:30am, Sunday June 22 @ NDSCS Student Center **or** Virtual Walk

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS PHOTOS

Photos from the convention will be available on the ndlwml.org website for you to download. A CD will no longer be available to purchase.

BAGG BONANZA FARM SATURDAY EVENING

Your Saturday night Bonanza farm bus and dinner is included in your meal package, but if you would like to purchase additional tickets, you can do so on the next page.

HOUSING INFORMATION: Each registrant is responsible for booking their own housing accommodations. If you would prefer dorm housing at NDSCS at \$25/night for a single and \$30/night for a double (includes towels, sheets, blanket, & pillow), do so on the next page. Hotel rooms are being held at the following locations: AmericInn Lodge & Suites 701-642-8365 and Baymont Inn & Suites 701-642-5000 until May 30th at the rate of \$74.70/night for 1-2 people, \$79.70/night for 3 people and \$84.70/night for 4 people. Please mention LWML when you call.

Make checks payable to : **LWML ND District** and mail with this form to:
Cindy Barton, 420 – 3rd Ave N, Wahpeton, ND 58075 Cindy's email: rcbarton@agwireless.net

Registration Deadline: Delegates ~ May 25th; All others ~ June 1st

Full Registration—Friday through Sunday, June 20-22, 2014	\$60.00	\$
Registration—Saturday, June 21 only	\$45.00	\$
Registration – Convention Workers (Friday through Sunday)	\$35.00	\$
Registration for Spouse Name: _____	\$35.00	\$
Registration – Young Women (ages 18-35)	\$35.00	\$
Registration – Teen (ages 12-17)	\$ 0.00	\$
Registration – “Young at Heart” (70 & over)	\$35.00	\$
Exhibitor Registration (if you have not done so, you must also contact Wanda Zietlow at 701-242-7994 or wandito@rrt.net for information)	\$25.00 (cost per 8' skirted table)	\$
<input type="checkbox"/> I will be staying in NDSCS dorm. (Email sldraeger@rrt.net for more info) _____ Single Room (\$25/person) _____ Double Room (\$15/person)	\$25/night/single \$30/night/double	\$
Meal package: Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner on Saturday; Breakfast on Sunday (<i>NO refunds can be given for meals after June 10th</i>)	\$50.00	\$
Young Woman/Teen Meal package: Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner on Saturday; Breakfast on Sunday (<i>NO refunds can be given for meals after June 10th</i>)	\$38.00	\$
EXTRA Adult Bonanza Farm Bus & Dinner Ticket # _____	\$18.00 each	\$
EXTRA Child Bonanza Farm Bus & Dinner Ticket (ages 12 & under) # _____	\$10.00 each	\$
Mite Pledge Walk T-Shirt <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XXL	\$8.00 each	\$
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	Check #	\$

I have **PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS** (*please explain*):

I have **DIETARY NEEDS** (*please explain*):

Please send my registration confirmation by: ☐ E-mail _____ ☐ Mail

LWML Health and Emergency Information Form

This form needs to be completed along with the Registration Form for **each person** attending

Name _____

Address (if different from registration form) _____

Whom should we notify in case of an emergency?

Name _____ Relationship _____

Daytime phone _____ Nighttime phone _____

I am traveling or rooming with _____ at convention and their cell phone # is _____.

Medical Information

Please list any health conditions that should be known before any emergency treatment:

Please list any medications emergency personnel should be aware of:

QUESTIONS? Contact Convention Manager Rhonda Hoge at 701-306-5380 or email rhoge@cableone.net

TENTATIVE AGENDA for 2014 Convention

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2014

12:30-2:00 pm **Board of Director's Meeting**—Immanuel Lutheran

12:00-6:00 pm **Registration**—NDSCS

2:00-4:00 pm **Servant Events**—NDSCS

2:00-4:30 pm **Choir Practice**—Immanuel Lutheran,
Kathie Hay, Director

4:15-5:00 pm **Delegate Meeting**—Immanuel Lutheran
(This orientation is important for all delegates)

Opening Ceremonies—Immanuel Lutheran Church

7:00 pm Opening processional—Conv. Banner/Clergy

Call to Order—Session #1—President Paulette Huber

Lighting of the Convention candle; Convention prayer

Welcome and announcements—President Paulette

Opening Worship Service—Margie Hopkins, organist;
Choir; Kathie Hay, director

Offering #1—Mites

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2014

6:30-7:45 am Breakfast—Student Center

(For all who purchased the meal package)

7:00 am Registration continues at Student Center

6:30-7:45 am Exhibits open @ Student Center; LWML Store and CPH store

7:45 am Pre-convention singing—Pastor Suelzle
Assemble for Processional

8:00 am Processional BOD, Special Guests, PDP's

Convention Session #2—NDSCS

Opening Prayer, song, and pledges

Intro. Of Convention Manager and Co-Chairmen

Welcome—Mary Lueck—SE ZP

Mission Statement & Objectives

Introduction of Special Guests

Introduction of officers on stage

Greetings from LCMS President Harrison

Greetings from LWML President Kay Kreklau

Greetings from ND LCMS President Baneck

Reading of convention rules—Bonnie Krenz,
Parliamentarian

Presentation & approval of convention agenda—Debbie

Larson, Recording Secretary

Committee Appointments, Tellers for the Election of Officers, Tellers for the Election of Mission Grants, Minutes Review

Greetings from LYF Representative

Greetings from Gift Planning Advocate

9:00 am **Bible Study #1**—Rev. David Suelzle

9:45 am Announcements & Break

10:00 am Keynote Speaker—Deb Burma

10:45 am Report of Credentials Committee, Convention Registrar

Report of Financial Officers—Avonne Gessner, Treasurer & Sharon Kroeplin, Financial Secretary

Presentation of the Proposed Budget and Mission Goal

Adoption of the Budget and Mission Goal

Presentation of Mission Grant Proposals—Nikki Tyrrell, VP of Mission Grants

Voting Rules for Mission Grants—Bonnie Krenz

Prayer before Voting—Committee member

Balloting for Mission Grants

Presentation of Proposed Bylaws—Karen Puffe, Bylaws Chairman; Prayer before voting

11:40 am Report of the Nominating Committee, Geneal Roth, Chairman

Entertain nominations from the floor—Pres. Paulette

Introduction of candidates—Geneal Roth

Reading of Voting Rules—Bonnie Krenz

Prayer before Voting—Committee member

Election of Officers

12:00 pm **Lunch Breakout Sessions:** Young Women/First Timers; The Planning Zone; Remember When...; The Heart of LWML (lunch served for those who purchased the meal package)

Exhibits and Stores open during lunch break

1:30 pm Pre-convention singing—Pastor Suelzle

1:45 pm **Convention Session #3**—NDSCS

Devotions/Gifts From the Heart—Human Care, Chantel Zeller

Gifts From the Heart Processional by Unsung Heroes

Mission Speaker—Danelle Putnam, Missionary

Offering #2—Dominican Republic Mission

Announcements/Break

3:15 pm **Bible Study #2**—Rev. David Suelzle

4:00 pm **LWML (National) Report**—Shelley Mueller,
Vice President of Gospel Outreach

- ★ Invitation to 2015 LWML Des Moines Convention
- ★ Announcements, prayer, adjournment

5:15 pm **Buses leave for Bagg Bonanza Farm**

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2014

6:30-7:30 am **Mission Pledge Walk (Mites)**

6:45-8:00 am Breakfast at Student Center

7:00-8:00 am Exhibits and Stores open

8:15 am Pre-convention singing

Convention Session #4—NDSCS

8:30 am Opening Prayer—Servant Resource
Committee

YWR Report—Kira Judson and Larissa Brelje

ND LWML President Report—President Paulette Huber

Invitation to 2016 Convention in Jamestown—Skit

Introduction of Young Women (pinning)

Recognition of First Timers

Report of Mission Grants & Election of Officers

Greetings from LLL

Greetings—Thrivent and Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch

Recognition of All Officers, including Outgoing Officers

Approval of 2018 Convention to be hosted by NW Zone.

Introduction of Host Committee

Introduction of New Officers (Pin Junior Counselor)

11:00 am **Closing Worship** and Installation of Officers

Offering #3—Shepherd's Hill (Choir)

Convention Entertainment

The Bagg Bonanza Farm is North Dakota's only restored bonanza farm. Guests are invited to come visit and take a tour, learning about bonanza farm life and the past generations that changed the Red River Valley from the furthest outpost, to a settled, prosperous farming community.

As with the history of westward expansion in America, the history of the bonanza farm begins with the coming of the railroad. In the mid-1860's, a group of entrepreneurs aspired to build a railroad across the northern territory to the Pacific Ocean. With millions of acres in government land grants and financing from Jay Cooke and his banking institution, the newly-formed Northern Pacific Railroad began construction. By 1872, the NP had

crossed the Red River, entering present-day North Dakota.

Unfortunately, Jay Cooke went bankrupt a year later sending the NP, and the entire country, into a financial panic. To raise the money needed to continue the railroad, the NP allowed stockholders who held deflated stock to buy large tracks of land at a rate competitive with land sold by the government.

One man who took NP's offer was J. F. Downing, an attorney and businessman from Erie, Pennsylvania. Although no acreage figure has been determined in establishing the farm size necessary to constitute a bonanza farm, Downing's landholdings in North Dakota exceeded 9,000 acres, which certainly qualified his farm for bonanza status.

Bonanza farming was established in the Mooreton, North Dakota area when F. A. Bagg joined his uncle's (J. F. Downing) enterprise in 1886. Mr. Bagg spent his first year on the Downing Farm working as a carpenter and field hand for \$20 per month plus room and board. The superintendent of the farm left in 1887, and Mr. Bagg was offered, and accepted, the position.

Upon the death of Mr. Downing in 1913, Mr. Bagg inherited a quarter interest of the farm's holdings. In 1915, he moved his inheritance, which included land, buildings and machinery, one mile from the Downing farmstead and began his own bonanza farm.

Convention Meals

SATURDAY BREAKFAST: pancakes, scrambled eggs, meat (ham, sausage links, sausage patties), potato, condiments, whole fresh fruit, beverage line (coke products, milk, juice, coffee), sweet rolls, muffins, bread, bagels, cold cereal.

SATURDAY LUNCH: grilled chicken sandwich, chips, condiments for the sandwich (lettuce leaf, tomato, mayo), salad bar (lettuce, cucumbers, tomatoes, cottage cheese, fresh fruit, shredded cheese, etc), beverage line

SATURDAY NIGHT AT BAGG BONANZA FARM: turkey/ham with all the trimmings.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST: French toast, along with everything from Saturday breakfast.



Saturday Breakout Luncheons

There are several choices for the Saturday luncheons. Anyone can come to the luncheons, but if you have not paid for the meal package, you will need to bring your own lunch.

The Planning Zone ~ Come to this session to find guidance and inspiration for the leadership roles in your society or zone and be empowered with resources for completing the leader tasks of your elected office or appointed position.

The Heart of LWML ~ What is the Heart of LWML? We are all concerned about the future of the LWML. Where is it going? What comes next? Whatever God has in mind for the LWML, we need to guard the "heart" of our organization: Word, mission, and service. Join Debbie Larson, PR Director of the (national) LWML and Nikki Tyrrell, (national) marketing Team Coordinator, for lunch and lively discussion about the Heart of the LWML.

Young Women/First Timers ~ Are you a young woman? Are you a first time convention attendee? Join us in the "specially marked" area of the cafeteria during lunch on Saturday. Get to know other young women and first timers. A committee member from Servant Resources will be there and President Paulette Huber will make an appearance to answer any questions. This will be a wonderful time to get to know other sisters in Christ!

Remember When... ~ Are you interested in history? Maybe you like to scrapbook? Join Historian Nikki Rahlf as she shares what she learned at the Archivist Boot Camp in St. Louis, MO. She has a "Ministry in Remembering" and will present a mini-workshop session for all interested in preserving history, both in your LWML unit and for your own personal family history.



Convention Offerings

There are designated times that offerings will be taken at convention and the money has been earmarked to be given to certain causes.

Convention Offering #1—This offering will be collected on Friday night, during the Opening Worship Service. All of the money given will go to Mites to help fund our North Dakota District Projects and the mission projects at the national LWML level.

Convention Offering #2—This offering will be collected on Saturday afternoon, right after hearing our Mission Speaker, Danelle Putnam. All of the money given will be donated to the Dominican Republic Mission that Danelle serves.

Convention Offering #3—This offering will be collected on Sunday morning, during our Closing Worship. All of the money given at this offering will be donated to Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads.



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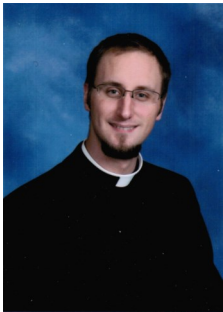
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Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 119:76

What does LWML mean to me?: When I think of the LWML, I think of the women in our congregation learning God's Word, supporting the proclamation of the Gospel here and abroad, and showing mercy to each other and those in our community.



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Favorite Bible Verse: Revelation 7:17; Isaiah 40:1-2

What does LWML mean to me?: The LWML has tremendous opportunity to serve and proclaim the Gospel of Christ crucified through its mission grants, while still helping to teach the faith to the local congregation.



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Personal: Married with 3 sons and 1 daughter; nine grandchildren;

Behavioral and Developmental Certification; Administrative Assistant and Aide in Mandan Schools for ED and BD youth

Favorite Bible Verse: 1 Peter 5:7

What does LWML mean to me?: LWML nurtures its members through Bible studies. It provides women an opportunity to use their God-given talents, individually and as a group to provide acts of mercy in our communities, state, nationally, and internationally.



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Personal: Married to Rev. Richard Biberdorf; 2 sons, Nathanael and Philip

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What does LWML mean to me?: An opportunity to spread the story of Jesus' love to others.

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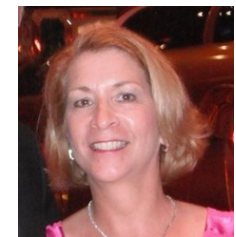
BA in Elementary Education, CSP; Lutheran School Teacher

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Personal: Married to Mike (15 years); Children—Landon (23), Shelby (22), Lexi (18), Grace (13), Avery (11); Grandson—Easton (2); 4-H Leader, Girl Scout Leader, School Board Member, Forbes Centennial Treasurer; Business owner with husband—cow/calf operation and insurance agency*Favorite Bible Verse:* Colossians 3:12-14*What does LWML mean to me?:* LWML is a wonderful opportunity for sisters in Christ to work together to share God's love and the story of Jesus. Combining all of our mites together enables us to reach out and help those in need with monetary gifts and God's love.**LuAnn Goter**lfgoter@daktel.com*Home:* Woodworth (Central Zone)*Home Cong.:* Redeemer, Woodworth*Offices:* Sunday School Superintendent, AAL Officer*LWML Offices:* *Unit:* President, Vice President, Secretary; *District:* Zone President, Vice Presi-

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What does LWML mean to me?: LWML is an amazing group of women (and men) encouraging each other and working together as God's servants to spread His love, hope, and comfort to all the world.



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Favorite Bible Verse: Ephesians 1; Ephesians 3:17-19

What does LWML mean to me?: A local circle of friends and sisters in Christ. An international circle of sisters in Christ.



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Personal: Married to Brent; Son, Christopher and Daughter, Anne; Sales Associate at Kohl's; Auction and Fall Carnival Committees for Grace Lutheran School, PTA, MOPS

Favorite Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13

What does LWML mean to me?: I feel blessed to have such wonderful sisters in Christ in the LWML. The LWML gives me the opportunity to grow in my relationship with the Lord through Studying His Word, serving with others, and supporting missions.



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Council Secretary, Financial Secretary, LLL

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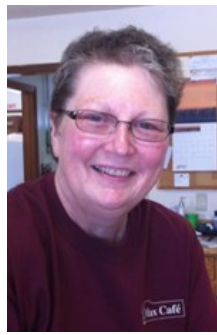
Growth Committee; *Zone:* Secretary/Treasurer, Delegate to Tampa

LWML Convention; *District:* District Convention Registrar

Personal: Sons, Carl (Chelsea) and Eric; Daughter, Jennelle (soon to marry Derek); Grandchildren, Tanner, Chloe, Sophie, Brooks, and Elijah

Favorite Bible Verse: Galatians 5:22-23

What does LWML mean to me?: LWML gives me the opportunity to share the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection with the entire world.



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Zone President

Personal: Married to Warren (39 years); Children—Daughter, Sarena; Son, Joe (JoAnn); Grandchildren—Ashlynnne, Naveah

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Favorite Bible Verse: Ephesians 2:8-10; 2 Corinthians 12:10b

What does LWML mean to me?: A special place in my heart. It has and continues to be a way that I am able to utilize my talents in a way to serve my Lord.



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Personal: Married to Dennis; Sons—Andrew (Faith) and Adam

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Favorite Bible Verse: Ephesians 2:8-10; Revelation 2:10

What does LWML mean to me?: LWML is a way women can encourage one another in their faith and serve our Lord in our communities and the world through our mites and various other projects.



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LWML Offices: *Unit:* President; *District:* Spiritual Life Committee

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Favorite Bible Verse: John 16:33

What does LWML mean to me?: LWML is a wonderful way for Lutheran women to unite together to further the Gospel message.

Do I Have to Be an LWML Member to Attend District Convention and Zone Events?

As spring rallies and servant events approach, many of us worry about how many less members we have in LWML or attending Zone and District events. We worry about the direction of the LWML and where we will be 5 or 10 years from now. Will we even have an LWML? When we worry about the numbers, we forget to think and pray about the work and the mission that God has for us to do.

What is LWML about? LWML is more than just coffee pots and church lunches.

- * IT'S ABOUT being with Jesus.
- * IT'S ABOUT supporting missions with our mites however great or small.
- * IT'S ABOUT inviting others to join us in studying God's Word and not just asking for help with church cleaning or washing dishes.
- * IT'S ABOUT praying for our leaders: in the LWML, in our church, in our nation, and in our world.
- * IT'S ABOUT being IN the WORD and OF the WORD.
- * IT'S ABOUT letting the love that God has for us overflow to all those around us. Trusting that HE will be there supporting us and giving us the words to speak and the courage to do when we are doing it for HIM.

Have you asked someone who isn't a member of the LWML to join you for Bible Study or Zone and District events? Do you know women at other LCMS churches that no longer have an active LWML unit? Have you thought of asking them to join you at Zone and District events? Maybe now is a good time for them to reconnect with the LWML. You never know when or how God will plant a seed. Are you ready to help water and nurture that seed?

Do you need to be an active LWML member to attend an LWML event? NO! The Bible Studies and speakers at LWML conventions aren't just for the leadership and the delegates, they're for everyone. Fall Retreat, with its Bible Studies, speakers, and fellowship aren't just good for active LWML members, they're for everyone.

God has work for us to do. We need to be ready when God has a new step for us take. Invite a friend to attend your next Zone event or to attend the upcoming District Convention in Wahpeton. Invite others to share in the joy that HE has given us so we can be filled and overflowing with His gifts.

ZONE SPRING RALLY INFORMATION

CENTRAL 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.

Registration 9:30am. Theme "Go and Do" Luke

10:25—37. Two offerings: Oliver County Ambulance Service and Mites. Appreciation gift bags will be assembled for ambulance volunteers.

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



We gratefully acknowledge and thank you or your donation of \$2,850.00 that we received on March 18, 2014. We commit ourselves to use your gift wisely as we continue to serve the Lord. Thank you and God Bless.

Yours in Christ,

Martin Luther
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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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Connecting in our Technological World

In our world of Facebook, Twitter, Skype, email, and all of its technological advancements, there are some things that only a human can give: a hug, a pat on the back, a touch of the hand, and the simple act of being engaged with one another face-to-face. Paul sets a good example when he wrote about the apostles accepting him and Barnabas as fellow missionaries in Galatians 2:9: “...they gave the right hand of fellowship to Barnabas and me...”

In many ways, technology keeps us apart. Instead of picking up the phone and calling one another, it is just easier to send someone a text. Coffee time formerly spent with a friend is now becoming a Twitter volley of back-and-forth comments. Texting is a wonderful tool when a meeting is cancelled or someone is late, but personal thoughts are received better face-to-face.

Decades ago, ladies met in churches as a social group. They **wanted** to get together to talk and to smile at one another, to share their friendship in person. They also used this time for service by making quilts, sharing mission emphasis, and cooking dinners for the needy.

Loneliness is an issue facing many women today. Do you know women who work full-time outside the home, plus have children to feed, educate, and care for? How many of these women are single mothers trying to do it all alone? Are there older women in your neighborhood or community whose children and other family members live out-of-state? In a room full of people, at work, or even in church, loneliness can still haunt people. Let's get together and share our celebrations, as well as our cares?

You've heard the rallying cry: “less meeting and more meaning!” This is certainly true. **But** that does not mean we should forego a simple gathering together. Perhaps invite women to a “no-stress” event with no minutes and no correspondence, simply studying God's Word and sharing. (Yes, you **can** have a gathering and “just” study God's Word!) To ensure even more fellowship, plan it as a dessert night or as an hors d'oeuvres night, sharing recipes to break the ice. Schedule a sing-along event; Psalm 149:1b says, *Sing...his praise in the assembly of the godly!* Talk to one another face-to-face, touch a heart with a simple touch of the hand.

Whether you call it a meeting, an assembly, or a gathering, there are lonely people in our lives who need God's Word and fellowship. Take a night off once in a while for yourself, too, and enjoy your sisters in Christ. Call and offer a ride so no one will need to enter the room alone.

In this technologically-driven world, we forego hours of much-needed face-to-face interaction by staring at a screen for hours and hours each day, losing touch with each other, forgetting the necessity of fellowship. In Hebrews 10:23—25 (NIV) we read: *Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, **not giving up meeting together**, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

God blesses us with the gift of technology to use as a communication tool here in the twenty-first century, but let's remember to also reach out and **really** touch someone.

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DISTRICT DATES

- ◆ 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
- ◆ BOD Transition Meeting @ Carrington ~ August 15-16, 2014
- ◆ LWML Fall Retreat @ Carrington ~ September 19-21, 2014
- ◆ BOD Meeting @ Carrington ~ November 1, 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	\$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-
Christ the Way Radio Ministry	\$5,000	\$5,000	-0-
Martin Luther School Tuition Assistance	\$2,850	\$2,850	-0-
Veterans of the Cross	\$2,000	-0-	\$2,000
Holy Cross Bismarck Kitchen Fund	\$650	-0-	\$650
TOTALS	\$68,000	\$58,350	\$9,650

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