

The Messenger

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

October/November/December 2014

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

DELEGATE FUND

Each unit in the LWML North Dakota District is asked to submit \$5.00 per member to the District Delegate Fund every year. This fund is used to help send our delegates to the national convention. If your unit has not yet sent in your delegate fund money this year, please send to Financial Secretary Myrna Baneck at:

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

Theme: **Bountiful! Sow • Nourish • Reap** "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)

Travel: The LWML North Dakota District Travel Coordinator is hoping to fill a bus with lots of North Dakota women to travel to the 2015 LWML National Convention. Watch for more information in the next edition of *The Messenger*!

www.lwml.org/conventions



PRESIDENT PAULETTE PONDERERS...PRESENTS



Presents...but it's only October! Most of us love to get a card and a little **present** for our birthday, don't we? In my family we have four October

birthdays in a row...22nd, 23rd, 24th and then on the last day, the 31st, my Dad will be 99! As we think of our Savior's birthday approaching in a couple of months, we get excited to give and get some **presents** as well...nothing wrong with that. *But what are we going to give Jesus since it is His birthday?* Rev. Paul Short, guest speaker while our pastor was gone on vacation, challenged our congregation with that question, as he also shared a wonderful mission opportunity called "Food for the Poor".

I was reminded of our LWML mission opportunities funded through our mites and how that is like giving a **present** to Jesus at any time of the year! When we share physical and spiritual gifts (**presents**) with those in need, including the recipients of our grants, it is very rewarding. The Lord wants all to be saved and uses us to share His gift (**present**) of faith through His Word to many who are lost and erring. Jesus rejoices as we respond with love and service to others. What a special **present** to give back to our Lord...our time, talents, money, etc. all for the purpose of caring for our neighbor and bringing more into the fellowship of believers. We love because He first loved us!

"The Time is Now" (the **present!**), to plan for the future. Where and what will LWML be when Nora Ma-

rie Huber, Elena Jean Johnson, and all little ones that we know and love grow up? Will we continue our service to Missions and Ministry...continue being in the Word? Psalm 100:1 says: *"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his **presence** with singing!"* What **present** can you give Jesus anytime for His presents of faith, hope, and love in your life? Because of the Holy Spirit's **presence** and motivation in our lives, we serve with gladness. As we move into the holiday seasons of Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas, I am reminded that serving in the LWML is like the gift (**present**) that keeps on giving (**presenting**) to our precious Lord and Savior.

President Paulette

LWML ND DISTRICT PRAYER CHAIN

President Paulette sent out these prayer requests she received via Email, for August—November 2014:

- † Prayers for Kathy Huettl as she recovers from neck surgery.
- † Prayers for Erica Kuhlman and her family, who had exploratory heart surgery.
- † Prayers for Ron Kosel hospitalized with pneumonia.
- † Prayers for the family of Lucia Jording who entered her eternal home with our Lord.
- † Prayers for 18 yr. old Jake, relative of Mary Ann Anderson, waiting for a kidney and has bleeding on the brain.
- † Prayers for patience & endurance for Polydor Kulu whose wife & children were denied emergency status for Visa.
- † Prayers for Lilly Hintz Henke's nephew diagnosed with cancer in his stomach and liver.
- † Prayers for the family of Walter Baisch of Hazen who passed away.
- † Prayers for the family of Lorraine Fenske who passed away after her bad fall.
- † Prayers for Jesse Brandner, diagnosed with stage four Adeno Carcinoma Cancer, gallstones, and pneumonia.
- † Prayers for Michael Paul, grandson of Kathy Huettl, born with health issues and in the NICU.
- † Prayers for Sue Corwin's brother, Jim, who had heart valve replacement surgery.
- † Prayers for a change of heart to a young woman who decided to abort her unborn child.
- † Prayers for Karen Lougheed and her family after the death of her 16 yr. old niece.
- † Prayers for the family of Mavis Ahlschwede who went to her heavenly home.
- † Prayers for young Hannah Magstadt of Jamestown who lost her mother (aunt) on Wednesday and her grandmother on Thursday. Her mother passed away 10 yrs ago and her aunt was raising her.
- † Prayers for Janet Bauer who suffered a slight stroke.
- † Prayers for Sue Corwin's son, Chris, dealing with issues with his heart.
- † Prayers for Avonne Gessner and family after the death of her sister Lois.

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.



Fall Rally District Report

The District Board Representative shared the following information at each fall rally:

♦ **LWML North Dakota Statistics:** Approximately 1600 members, 71 societies, 70 units (one per church), and 6 zones.

♦ **Fall Retreat:** On September 19-21, a wonderful retreat was held using the theme “Quenched by the Water—What Quenches Your Thirst?” (John 4:14). The speaker was Elaine Bickel, child of God, principal of St. Paul Lutheran School in Millington, MI, and author of numerous CPH curriculum materials for SS, VBS, Lutheran day schools, and also has written Bible studies, devotions, and articles for the LWML Quarterly. As a frequent humorous and inspirational speaker, many have shared that this LWML sister “made me laugh, made me cry, and made me think and grow”. Pastor Jenks prepared in-depth and inspiring Bible studies and devotions that were presented by Pastor Harvala. The Variety Show is always especially fun and always a little crazy! Plan to bring a friend and come next year.

♦ **Event in Bismarck:** On April 11, 2015, our LWML ND and LCMS ND will sponsor a “Witness, Mercy, and Love Event” in Bismarck which includes a luncheon at the Seven Seas. The timeline for the day will be approximately 11:00 to 3:00. Through guest speakers, we will be looking at a proactive response to human trafficking & tangible forms of mercy to women in crisis in our area.

♦ **2016 LWML ND District Convention:** The 2016 district convention will be in Jamestown, June 24-26, 2016, with the theme, “Rejoice in God’s Bounty”.

♦ **Newsletter/Quarterlies:** Are you getting the Newsletter and Quarterlies? Any comments/suggestions? This is an excellent source of national and district information.

♦ **Bylaws:** Please make sure you replace your old bylaws with new ones and please do read them! A copy of the LWML ND District Bylaws are on the website at www.ndlwml.org or ask your Zone President for a copy if you don’t have access to the internet.

♦ **Website:** The website www.ndlwml.org has our newsletters, bylaws, officers list, mite calendars, mission grants, Bible studies, links to national LWML, LCMS, and much more...check it out! We are also on **Facebook** now too, thanks to Karen Loughheed, our Store Manager and Nominating Committee Chairman. (www.facebook.com/ND.LWML)

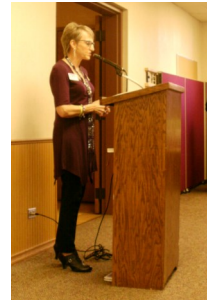
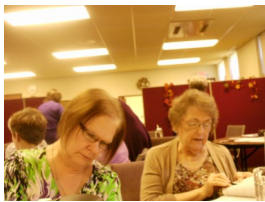
♦ **Mite Goal:** We praise God for the blessings which allow us to work at meeting our biennium’s goal of \$76,000. The LWML is unique in that we do not solicit funds—we collect mites, (that is quarters, dimes, nickels, dollars, and even the \$5 bill with purple on it!) personally and prayerfully. Please continue to make this mission a priority in your life so we may meet all of our Mission Goals! Also please keep the National Mite goal in our prayers as there are only a few months left and they are running a bit behind. If your unit has been blessed with extra funds, I would ask you to make a special donation to our National Mite goal from your unit treasury.

♦ **The Time is Now:** “The Time is Now” campaign challenges all of us to prayerfully and seriously consider the future of our LWML. Will it be a vibrant mission organization for our grandchildren? We must pledge ourselves now to make our LWML relevant and meaningful so that it may grow and continue to bring the gospel to the “lost and erring” in our community, nation, and world. President Paulette challenges everyone in our district to go to www.lwml.org and click on the NOW logo, and make the following pledge: “I am committed to helping LWML make an impact on the next generation! I am dedicated to sharing my heart for Jesus Christ, caring for my sisters in my community and congregation, and helping them use their gifts to serve the Lord. I am glad to be a part of LWML, and this year I will invite the women in my life to consider learning more about LWML with me.” May God guide and direct us to keep our beloved LWML alive and vibrant with service in the years to come!



FALL RALLY RECAP

EASTERN ZONE: Held October 25th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran in Fargo under the theme "Draw From the Wells of Salvation". Pastor Chris Waldvogel led opening and closing devotion in addition to the Bible Study "Draw From the Well of Salvation" and for each segment of the study, used small table groups to dig into the Word deeply. Our special guest was LWML ND District President Paulette Huber from Dickinson, accompanied as well by her husband Paul. President Paulette gave a report from the District as well as performing for us her 'Country Rap' song! Our featured speaker was Kim Wagner, wife of Pastor Dave Wagner of Beautiful Savior, Fargo, and a Professional, Authentic Celebrator of Life! Kim and her accompanist and singing partner, Mary Seiffert, gave an inspiring testimony of their faith in retelling the story of Kim's breast cancer journey in the presentation entitled "Got Joy?" Her rhetorical question of "What happens if the well runs dry? Joy on the Cancer Journey" brought home the reality of our personal dependence and need for our Lord and Savior who gave the greatest sacrifice and who never stops giving to us! The Ingathering was dedicated to The Perry Center for Unwed Mothers and collected baby and child care items including \$141.00 of gift certificates to Walmart, Target, etc. We had 49 women attending the Rally! The LWML Store was set up by Karen Lougheed and was enthusiastically shopped!



NORTHWEST ZONE: Held Saturday, September 27th, at St. Mark's in Minot with Bethlehem/St. John, Upham and Faith, Towner hosting. Our speaker was the Rev. Peter Kolb, a LCMS Mission Developer in Asia. He hopes to leave for Sri Lanka in early 2015, along with his family of nine. Our Ingathering was for him and his work there and totaled \$927.25! Our delegates to the LWML National Convention next summer are Shirley Hall and Laurie Rubbert; alternates are Kathy Huettl and Betty Marschner. We had 69 attendees and collected \$360.00 for the delegate fund and \$377.00 for mites.

SOUTHEAST ZONE: Held Saturday, October 11th, at Zion Lutheran in Gwinner. The theme was "Draw From the Well of Salvation". An election of officers for President and Vice President was held. Mary Lueck and Marge Asche were elected as President and Vice President respectively. Lori Draeger, Peace, Barney, was chosen as the delegate from the Southeast Zone to go to the LWML National Convention next summer in Des Moines, IA. A Bible study based on the theme was given by our Zone Counselor, Pastor Sean Daenzer. The guest speakers in the afternoon were Glenn and Carol Borchers who spoke about their mission trip (Mission Opportunity Short Term) to Tanzania. Ingathering items were eye glasses and nonprescription sunglasses. The glasses (140 pair donated) were given to the Borchers for their mission. Approximately \$300.00 was collected for mites and also about \$250.00 was collected for a missionary in Spain.

CENTRAL ZONE: Zone officers: Karen Puffe, President; Sara Eclipse, Vice-President; Kathie Hay, Secretary/Treasurer; Pastor Richard Biberdorf, Zone Counselor. The Central Zone Fall Rally was held at Zion Lutheran in Edgeley on October 11th with Edgeley hosting. The theme was "Draw From the Well of Salvation" based on Isaiah 12:3. The Bible study was given by Pastor Biberdorf, written by Pastor Moline. There were 40 in attendance and the mite offering was \$360.11. Our speaker was Dottie Sincebaugh on her trip to Germany. Our Ingathering was for the new branch of the Orphan Grain Train in Jamestown and the amount was \$747.00. We welcomed two units into the Central Zone, Zion, Binford and Grace, Cooperstown. The spring rally will be held in Jamestown with Concordia, Jamestown hosting on April 18, 2015 with April 25, 2015 as an alternate date.

JOY CARDS Memorials & Honorariums July—October 2014

THANK YOU to everyone who has sent in money for memorials or honorariums. The following is a list of those received from July through October 2014.



Marlene Brandenburg 80th Birthday (3)
Ruth Rust
ND District Officers
Vernie Rued's 90th Birthday

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Marjory Berner
Lucia Jording (5)
Margaret Pankow
Wally Milbrandt
Lorraine Fenske (8)
Mavis Ahlschwede (6)
Karen Lougheed's niece
Judy Rahlf
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Elizabeth Fick of Bismarck turned 90 on October 11, 2014, the day of the Southwest Zone Fall Rally at Shepherd of the Valley in Bismarck. She is shown here with President Paulette Huber and with her favorite, a carrot cake!



Share the LWML Message— The Time is NOW!

Have you taken the pledge? The Time is NOW to share our passion for Christ. It's not just a message from national—this is **your** message. How will you incorporate The Time is NOW into your planning, goal-setting, and communications?

Consider inviting like-minded LWML women to take The Time is NOW pledge and participate in 2-Minute Tuesdays.

It's easy! Go to the LWML website and click on "The Time Is Now" logo to take the pledge. Then share your Email address to receive 2-Minute Tuesday Emails. You will receive an Email every other Tuesday from LWML leaders who will share timely tips, insight, and wisdom.

Look for The Time is NOW 2-Minute Tuesdays on the LWML Facebook page, too!



Parliamentary Pointers

Each edition of *The Messenger* will include a few bits of info to test your parliamentary procedure knowledge. Here are this month's pointers.

1. If a member wishes a motion to be voted on by ballot, what is the correct procedure? *Member moves that the question be voted on by ballot, a second is needed. Majority vote.*
2. Does the Tellers' Report include the number of members eligible to vote? *No.*

3. When an assembly instructs the chair to appoint a committee, how is the committee chairman selected? *The first person appointed to the committee is the chairman.*

4. A motion is before a group to contribute \$500 to a charity. A member moves to amend by striking out "\$500" and inserting "\$100". The amendment is adopted. May the member who made the motion speak against the motion as amended? *Yes, the motion as amended is a different motion and the member may now speak against it.*

5. After the convention program has been adopted, does the presiding officer of the Program Committee have the authority to alter the program? *No. Only the convention assembly has that authority, but permission can usually be secured by general consent. After the interruption, the program must be resumed at the point where it was interrupted.*



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

- ◆ BOD Meeting @ Bismarck or Mandan ~ March 6-7, 2015
- ◆ "Witness, Mercy, Life together" Event @ Mandan ~ April 11, 2015
- ◆ Central Zone Spring Event @ Concordia, Jamestown ~ April 18, 2015
- ◆ Northwest Zone Spring Event @ St. Paul, Minot ~ April 18, 2015
- ◆ Eastern Zone Spring Event @ Immanuel, Fargo ~ April 19, 2015
- ◆ LWML Convention @ Des Moines, IA ~ June 25-28, 2015
- ◆ Fall LWML Retreat @ Carrington ~ September 18-20, 2015
- ◆ BOD Meeting @ TBA ~ November 7, 2015 (tentative)



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LWML ND District Mission Grants 2014-2016 Biennium

MISSION GRANT	AMOUNT BUDGETED	AMOUNT PAID	BALANCE
ND District Full-Time Church Worker Scholarships	\$35,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$28,000
Providing Spiritual & Emotional Care for Pastors	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	-0-
Financial Assistance for Food & Clothing Co-op ~ Fort Wayne, IN	\$5,000.00	-0-	\$5,000
Christ the Way Radio Ministry	\$5,000.00	-0-	\$5,000
Kenya Africa Rescue Centers	\$5,000.00	-0-	\$5,000
New Playground at Shepherd's Hill Retreat	\$5,000.00	-0-	\$5,000
Martin Luther School Tuition Assistance	\$5,000.00	-0-	\$5,000
Bibles for Peace Officers Ministries	\$5,000.00	-0-	\$5,000
All Faiths Chapel Music Ministry ~ Grafton, ND	\$1,500.00	-0-	\$1,500
Sudanese Lay Pastor Training	\$1,500.00	-0-	\$1,500
TOTALS	\$76,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$61,000

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