

Lutheran Women's Missionary League North Dakota District

Equip
Encourage
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*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 2017

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

NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!



GOOD NEWS! While summer is almost over, LWML Fall Rallies are coming up soon! Looking ahead long range, be sure to add to your calendar, plans to joyfully meet together at our 2018 LWML State Convention scheduled for Minot at the Holiday Inn next summer on **June 22-24, 2018!** Most of all, do prayerfully consider God's call to serve in one of the offices of the LWML ND District.

Giving credit to Nominating Committee member Betty Marshner's great sense of humor, she said it well..."We all have *sweaty palms* and *knocking knees* when we are asked to serve in an office that seems like it is far outside our comfort zone!" So true, but we are empowered by

God's might—HE will make us strong to work in His needs!

Use your Fall Rally as a starting point. In your opening devotion, ask God's help to consider His call to serve in one of the offices of the LWML ND District. His work is done through you with the talents and abilities He gives each of us.

Please pray about the offices listed here that need a willing worker, and, if you must seriously say it is not God's will now, then think of someone else whose talents might be just what is needed! Encourage and pray with your sisters in Christ that their concerns be answered and doubts replaced with trust!

Would you please consider submitting your name for one of these positions?



- ♦ **FINANCIAL SECRETARY** (was being served by Myrna Baneck who has now moved to St. Louis as Pastor Baneck took a call to serve there; vacancy appointment to serve her remaining term is Audrey O'Brien, Oakes, ND)
- ♦ **RECORDING SECRETARY** (presently served by Renee Johnson, Minot, ND)
- ♦ **VP OF CHRISTING LIFE** (served by Mary Harvala, McHenry, ND)
- ♦ **VP OF SERVANT RESOURCES** (presently served by Laurie Ann Totenhagen, Stirum, ND)
- ♦ **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** (1 is needed from each of the 6 Zones)

(Candidates for the Nominating Committee should be **ELECTED** from each zone. Zone presidents are reminded to include this as an item of business at their Fall Zone Rally. It is the responsibility of the Zones to recruit a candidate, NOT the Nominating Committee.)

If you have any questions or have names to submit, please contact any members of the Nominating Committee. May God bless our efforts together with His guidance!

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LWML ND DISTRICT PRESIDENT



**"JESUS CHRIST
ABOVE ALL"**

"As I am writing this article it is the latter part of August. I have had a tremendously busy summer. I went on a cruise with my

husband. I spent time with my family on the West Coast. I spent time with both our sons. I am extremely blessed!

I was also blessed, however, to attend the LWML National Convention in Albuquerque as your president. Under the theme "Jesus Christ Above All", it was an honor to represent North Dakota and carry our banner in the opening procession on Friday morning. Our banner was designed and crafted by Carol Kosel from Ellendale. Walking beside me were our amazing three Young Women Representatives: Ali Arndt from Fargo, Miki Peterson from Ellendale, and Kim Kuhlman from Bismarck. Let me assure you – they represented North Dakota very well! They will be giving a report of their experiences at the National convention at our LWML ND District convention in Minot next June.

I was also blessed to attend with good friends as our delegates. They also represented you very well. Be

sure to contact the delegate from your zone and ask them to give you a report – either in your unit or perhaps at your fall rally.

The convention was truly a mountain top experience: the Bible studies, singing, connecting with friends and making new ones, plus praising God with thousands of fellow LWML sisters and brothers and, at this convention, celebrating 75 years of God's blessings to LWML. But it is a mountain top experience that sadly does not last. We all come back to our responsibilities of our life. But ours is a life that is made special by what God's Son, Jesus, did for us on the cross. When He rose from the dead, He made our life far from mundane and futile. We are His! We are His sons and daughters. Nothing is boring or futile for us anymore.

But we do need those mountain top experiences. We are human and our human nature always tends to bring us down because of our sin. But our God, through His Word and Sacraments, brings us up again. We are able to live our life serving Him even when things seem insurmountable. Nothing is insurmountable for Him. But we need to stay connected to Him. How do we do this? We can do this by being in His Word, praying, praising Him and attending LWML conventions both National and District. Yes, those

convention gatherings are important also. Fall rallies are coming up in October. It is also a way to connect with LWML sisters in your zone. Rallies are a great opportunity to participate in Bible studies, fellowship and yes, a bit of business. I pray that you take or have taken the opportunity to attend a rally in your zone or another zone.

I am going to take this opportunity to give you a "save the date". Our LWML North Dakota district convention will take place this coming June 22-24, 2018 in Minot at the Holiday Inn. The theme is "Lift High the Name of Jesus" based on Philippians 2:9-10. Each unit can send two delegates to the convention. Take advantage of this time to join together with sisters and brothers in LWML North Dakota. There will be much more information available in the Jan-Mar Messenger.

Praise be to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Who is truly above all!

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him Who
died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

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President Valerie

LWML ND DISTRICT PRAYER CHAIN

President Valerie sent out these prayer requests she received via email, for Aug-Sept 2017:

- † Prayers for the family of Past ND LWML President Marlene Brandenburg who went home to her Lord.
- † Prayers for all those affected by the hurricanes and flooding in the south.
- † Prayers Allison, daughter of Paulette Huber, dealing with health issues.
- † Prayers for all those affected by the fires in California. Prayers that the wind will stop and for protection for the firefighters.

If you would like to be on the District prayer chain email list, email President Valerie at president@ndlwm.org and ask her to add your email to the list.

ATTENTION TREASURERS: MITES

should be sent to:
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Eastern Zone holds Spring Event

submitted by Maggie Stende

On April 22, 2017, the LWML ND Eastern Zone gathered for "Love Stitches," the Spring Event, held at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo. A Bible study, entitled, "Love Stitches: Why and How God Covers Us," was presented by Pastor Chris Waldvogel, Eastern Zone Counselor. The Spring Event project was tying fleece blankets for the **Linus Project**. The coordinator of the Linus Project, Norene B. presented information about the organization, which gives blankets to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of

new, handmade blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers." Prior to the event, the LWML unit from Beautiful Savior had purchased enough fleece for forty-seven blankets, "prepped" the fleece by stitching four inches from the edges to hold the two pieces of fleece together, pre-cut one inch strips around the edges, and made a small slit in each strip. During the event, the group divided into two, one to "tie" the blankets, and one to cut more strips/slits. In all, the group tied all the blankets and donated forty-three to Linus Project, two to the Sharp grandchildren, and 2 to the Smelser grandchildren.

All the Eastern Zone units contributed toward the cost of the fleece. In addition, the Ingathering was cash donations to help to cover the costs, with a surplus of \$68.24 donated to Linus Project.

All this activity was concluded with a tasty lunch provided by the hosting unit.

Mites were collected and totaled \$218.66.



MITES ARE NEEDED!!

The LWML ND District 2016-18 Mite Goal is \$76,000. Currently, we have paid \$39,000 in Mission Grants. This leaves us somewhat behind.

Does your unit have extra monies that could be contributed to the current Mite Goal? Would you consider giving extra to help fulfill outstanding our Mission Grant Projects?

Please consider giving today! Send Mites to LWML ND Financial Secretary, Audrey O'Brien, PO Box 3, Oakes, ND 58474.

2017 LWML CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Albuquerque, NM



ND Delegation to National Convention

President Valerie Biberdorf with ND Young Women Representatives



LWML Convention Report *submitted by Donna Kroeplin*

My name is Donna Kroeplin and I am from Devils Lake. I was blessed to be a First Timer to the National Convention in Albuquerque as a delegate from the NE Zone of North Dakota!

I was pleasantly surprised to see a LWML welcoming committee at the Albuquerque Airport with a bottle of water for each of us and information on how to get to our hotel, so very helpful. Thank you ladies.

The first day I was kept very busy participating in Servant Activity, Choir Rehearsal, Delegate Orientation, District Caucuses and District photos and Convention Opening and First Meeting in the evening. Each day was wonderful with Bible Studies, Mites, Prayers, Speakers, Voting, Entertainment, and then a Parade of beautiful Mission flags and Church Service on Sunday with Holy Communion to mention some highlights from the Convention for me.

The National Convention was an awesome experience with "Jesus Christ above all" Philippians 2:9 as the theme of the Convention! It was joyous with lots of songs lead by our music director and so much fun to see LWML friends there and to make new friends!



2017 FALL RALLIES

CENTRAL ZONE ~ October 14; Concordia, Jamestown

EASTERN ZONE ~ October 28; Immanuel, Fargo

NE ZONE ~ October 28; Zion English, Grafton

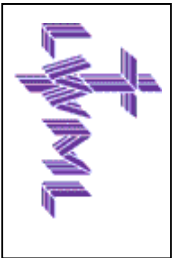
NW ZONE ~ October 7; St. Mark's Minot

SE ZONE ~ October 7; Redeemer, Lisbon

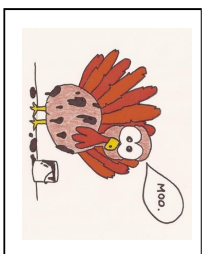
SW ZONE ~ October 21; Holy Cross, Bismarck


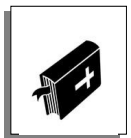


Through this identity, the hope is to empower members through deeper connections, tradition, and the desire to serve God. The symbol was created with this in mind; one that represents the members of both the LWML and the church. A heart to represent the love and giving nature of the members; a drop to symbolize the blood of Christ; and a cross above all else to proudly show the purpose behind the efforts of the LWML.



November 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Remember in Prayer the officers of the LWML ND District as well as the Counselors: Rev. Moline and Rev. Swenson			1 <u>All Saint's Day</u> This is your day!! \$.50	2 <u>All Soul's Day</u> Have devotions, cheer someone up. It is good for your soul. \$.35	3 Sandwich Day Give thanks for the bounty you receive daily from the Lord: \$.50	4 Lend a hand where you are needed: right handed: \$.35 left handed: \$.25
5 Daylight Savings Time ends. Praise God for refreshing sleep and sing His praises: \$.35	6 Pray for the faithful Sisters in Christ in Bottineau and Sawyer \$.20	7 U.S. General Election Day Pray for our elected officials. \$.25	8 Orphan Grain Train is our featured Mission Grant recipient for November. \$.50	9 Pray for the North Dakota District Convention Manager: Sue Corwin. \$.25	10 Forget Me Not and Vanilla Cupcake Day. Forget not your Savior then Share a cupcake and your Savior. \$.25	11 <u>Veteran's Day</u> Give Thanks for those have served and are serving in the military: \$.50
12 Recite the Apostle's Creed and your favorite Bible Verse \$.35	13 Caregiver Appreciation Day. Give a caregiver your thanks and a hug – a big hug. \$.35	14 Before closing your eyes for the night, pray for your Sisters at St. Thomas and Zion Bismarck. \$.20	15 Pray for the work of the Orphan Grain Train \$.50	16 Give thanks for the fresh air we breathe. \$.05 for each window in your home.	17 Homemade Bread Day. Take time to reminisce about the smell of baking bread and give thanks. \$.35	18 Push Button Phone Day. Give someone a call, chat and catch up on their lives. \$.35
19 Sing to the Lord a New Song. Just Sing. \$.35	20 Universal Children's Day. Do something special for a child and pray for them. \$.25	21 Prayers are appreciated by your faithful Sisters in Carrington and Rugby. \$.20	22 Mission Grant recipient Orphan Grain Train needs our prayers and support. \$.50	23 <u>Thanksgiving</u> Give special thanks for God's bounty given to us through our Savior. \$1.00	24 \$.35 if you did not eat pumpkin pie yesterday. \$.25 if you did.	25  Read Joshua 24:15
26 Worship the Lord with all your mind and with all your heart. \$.35	27 Pins and Needles Day. Give Quilters a "High Five" for the work they do. \$.25	28 Give thanks for two feet and then count the pairs of shoes you have. \$.10 for each pair.	29 Offer thanks for the faithful service of the Orphan Grain Train volunteers. \$.50	30 Mentally review the 10 Commandments: \$.10 for each one you miss.	<div> COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS. NAME THEM ONE BY ONE. COUNT YOUR MANY BLESSINGS SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE. </div>	

"Charity begins at home, but should not end there"



North Dakota
Lutheran Women's Missionary League



Thank You, LORD!

Mission Grant VP ~ BONNIE KRENZ

Thank you to all who took time to submit mission grant requests. The Mission Grant Committee will meet in October with President Biberdorf to review the requests and prepare them for District Board approval at their November Board Meeting. Then they will be placed on the ballot at the District Convention for each unit to vote on. The Lord has blessed this process and provided numerous project requests. Some are for projects funded in the past and some are for projects that we have not been presented with in the past.



As I look at the calendar, the district convention is only 10 months away. As of September 15 we have sent some of our blessed mites to the ND District Scholarship fund with other mites being use to make full payment to the Orphan Grain Train project, to the Wahpeton LCMS U project, to the Christ the Way project, and partial payment to the Providing Emotional & Spiritual Care to Pastors. Projects that have received no funding are Financial Assistance for the Concordia Seminary Fort Wayne Food and Clothing Coop, Christ's Care for Children: Kenya, Grace Lutheran School Scholarship Fund, and Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. Please remember these projects in your prayers and ask God to bless our mites as each is precious in his sight.



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DISTRICT DATES

- ◆ ND District BOD Meeting @ Carrington ~ November 4, 2017
- ◆ LWML North Dakota District Convention @ Holiday Inn in Minot ~ June 22-24, 2018



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LWML ND District Mission Grants 2016-2018 Biennium

MISSION GRANT	AMOUNT BUDGETED	AMOUNT PAID	BALANCE
ND District Full-Time Church Worker Scholarships	\$35,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$14,000.00
Orphan Grain Train—ND Branch	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	-0-
Wahpeton LCMS U	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	-0-
Christ the Way Radio Ministry	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	-0-
Providing Spiritual & Emotional Care for Pastors	\$8,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Concordia Fort Wayne Food Coop	\$5,000.00	-0-	\$5,000.00
Christ's Care for Children: Kenya	\$4,320.00	-0-	\$4,320.00
Grace Lutheran School Scholarship Fund	\$5,000.00	-0-	\$5,000.00
Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch (partial funding)	\$4,680.00	-0-	\$4,680.00
TOTALS	\$76,000.00	\$39,000.00	\$37,000.00