

Lutheran Women's Missionary League North Dakota District

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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.

JANUARY-FEBRUARY-MARCH 2018

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

"Lift High the Name of Jesus"

LWML ND DISTRICT CONVENTION

June 22-24, 2018

Holiday Inn

Minot, ND

This edition of *The Messenger* contains your **Official Call to Convention** "packet". Please pay special attention to this "packet" found on pages 5—13 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.



MITES ARE NEEDED!!

The LWML ND District 2016-18 Mite Goal is \$76,000. Currently, we have paid \$44,000 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.

LWML ND DISTRICT PRESIDENT



"LIFT HIGH THE NAME OF JESUS!"

A blessed New Year to you all! Here we are into 2018 already. I pray that your celebration of our Savior's birth was a joyous one.

Now as we have rounded the corner into 2018, we can look forward to the LWML ND District convention coming up June 22-24, 2018 in Minot at the Holiday Inn. In this issue of the Messenger you will find your Call to Convention. Please look over all the information that is there. I pray that all of you will mark this time off and plan to be in Minot in June.

Here is a little taste of what is in store for you at the convention: the keynote speaker will be Jan Wendorf. Jan lives in Wisconsin and is a former National LWML president and will be sharing with us about her mission trip to Tanzania. Jan is especially excited about being with us because during her term as National president, North Dakota was one place she did not have the opportunity to visit. So let's show her a real North Dakota welcome!

The mission speaker will be Rev. Bernie Seter. Pastor Seter serves Zion English Lutheran in Grafton, ND; Trinity Lutheran in Drayton, ND; and St. John Lutheran in Crystal, ND and serves on the LCMS Board of Missions. He is also a former LWML ND District Pastoral counselor.

We will celebrate National LWML's 75th anniversary. Saturday night's banquet will include some special reminiscences with Rev. Dr. Larry Harvala and Rev. David Suelzle, both former LWML ND District pastoral counselors. We would like to put together a power point with pictures from ND LWML past. Anyone who has pictures they would like to share for this, please let me know. There will be a few other surprises too!

Some things to be aware of as you plan to attend the convention:

- You are strongly encouraged to stay at the Holiday Inn, the convention hotel. There are really no other hotels close by and they are giving us a good rate and not charging us for use of the convention rooms because we are staying at the hotel. So please make use of the rooms that are set aside for us.
- Meals this year are offered in a package (cost is separate from your registration fee). The two meals included in the package are Saturday lunch and Saturday banquet. You are encouraged to take advantage of this as, again, there is only one restaurant close and that is the Ground Round.

Especially be aware that there is no separate entertainment this year. The "entertainment" is during the banquet.

- You are on your own for breakfast. The Holiday Inn does offer a breakfast buffet. The charge for the buffet is not included in the cost of your room.
- There will be no formal zone pictures scheduled. You are free to take your own pictures if you desire.

There is no Mite walk scheduled. In the Call to Convention you will find other ideas to try in your own units.

Please take the time to look through all the information in the Call to Convention section. Plan to be at the convention in Minot. Be inspired and energized as Lutheran Women in Mission. Celebrate 75 years of God's blessings to the LWML! Continue to send in your Mites so we can fund all of our Mission Grants. These ministries are depending upon all of us. And PRAY!! We really can do anything with our God's help but without Him we can do nothing.

I KNOW THAT I WILL SEE ALL OF YOU IN MINOT JUNE 22-24, 2018 AS WE MEET IN CONVENTION TO "LIFT HIGH THE NAME OF JESUS!"

*Jesus! Name of Wondrous love,
Name all other names above,
Unto which must ev'ry knee
Bow in deep humility.*

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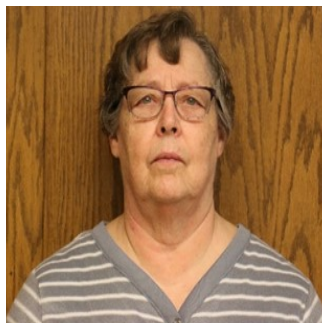
President Valerie

LWML ND DISTRICT PRAYER CHAIN

President Valerie sent out these prayer requests she received via email, for Sept 2017—Jan 2018:

- † Prayers of thanksgiving for Paul & Paulette Huber's new grandson, Haakon Jacob Huber, born September 17th on Paul's birthday!
 - † Continued prayers for Allison, daughter of Paul & Paulette Huber, dealing with anxiety/depression.
 - † Prayers for the family of Wilma Kitzman Gust, who was called to her heavenly home. Wilma was a past district officer and the mother of Carol Debele.
 - † Prayers of comfort for Marie Johnson's friend, Rachel and her 3 children as they deal with the death of their husband/father who was only 40 years old.
 - † Prayers for the family of Myra Bitterman who was hospitalized and then had all life support removed.
- If you would like to be on the District prayer chain email list, email President Valerie at president@ndlwml.org and ask her to add your email to the list.

Parliamentarian ~ BONNIE KRENZ



The Parliamentarian is also a member of the Bylaws committee. We have finished reviewing the District Bylaws. I would like to share a point that is found in both the National and District bylaws that may have some units looking at their bylaws. As the membership declines in congregations in the rural parts of North Dakota so does the membership in LWML societies established in those congregations. According to the National and District LWML Bylaws, any woman who is a member of an LCMS congregation can join a society. If an individual request, she can become an individual member. An individual member does have a voice and the right to vote at the zone level but cannot vote at the District level. Each unit may wish to check their bylaws to determine if their unit would allow an LWML member from a sister congregation to join their unit.

Hey Lady, Can You Spare a Mite?

See a penny, pick it up....all day long you'll have good luck! Ok, that is an idiom based on superstition, but perhaps we use it because it is a throwback to our parents/grandparents who having gone through the Great Depression of the 30's were ever so much more aware of the value of every penny!

What a contrast to today when teens come in after a break, arms laden with their soda, chips and candy bars and after they have eaten idly twiddle with the minor change they have left over from their purchases by 'flipping' pennies, nickels and even dimes! By flipping, I mean they place one coin on the edge of their desk and put another on the edge of the first coin and press down to see how far it will fly. Harmless, but ridiculous entertainment! No one picks up the change - it is considered 'disposable.'



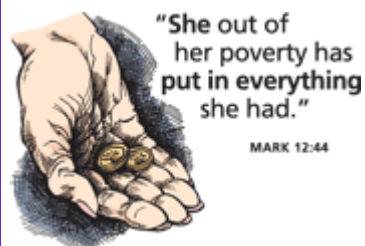
Jesus saw the poor widow put in two small copper coins in contribution and said, *"I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had..."* Luke 21:1-5

Her mite meant so much when it was it was all that she had! It was given in love and trust.

With full intent to accuse and show our sin and shame, think how often do we fill our mite boxes with our left-overs or disposable coins? Sometimes we fill our mite box with obligation rather than trust. Do we give with motivation to love others with our gift? Do we trust that God will care for us beyond what we feel we can afford to give?

How much sweeter a gift given from a heart filled with love and thankfulness to our Lord Jesus Christ! How sweet the love He showed us in laying down His life in atonement for the sins of the world!


Our North Dakota District as well as the National LWML is falling behind in the collection of mites that ultimately fund the projects we have chosen to sponsor. These are not 'holiday cheer' projects that are seasonal feel-good charities but much more intense in purpose since as Christians we are charged to "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing in His name."



Let's pray together now:

Dear Heavenly Father, You are the designer of all gifts! You spared no part of yourself in giving us everything! Guide and teach each of us to look to our blessings - ignore our personal excuses of worldly origins - and give deeply - richly - in love and trust. Grant that your work that is given to us to do through the LWML will prosper. We pray in Jesus' name, AMEN! Yea, Yea, It shall be so!

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Lutheran Women's Missionary League</i>				1 If March came in like a lion, give thanks for your furnace. \$.50	2 It's Dr. Seuss' Birthday - Be thankful you can read to Children. \$.25	3 Employee Appreciation Day. Thank God you can work. \$.25
4 Scrapbooking Day. If you scrapbook share \$.30	5 Pray for the faithful sisters in Cavalier and Rock Lake. \$.20	6 Pray for Grace School in Fargo - Mite Project #108 \$.50	7 Dentists' Day - have you seen yours recently? \$.25 if you have	8 Int'l Women's Day Thank God for all your lady friends \$.20	9 If it snows today give thanks and \$.25 if not give likewise.	10 Day of Awesomeness YOU are as God's Child! \$.50
11 Set clocks ahead so you don't miss Church <i>Daylight Savings Begins</i>	12 Thank God for your washing machine. \$.25 if you did a load today	13 Thank God for all your clothes. Give \$.10 for every closet you have	14 Pray for the students and staff at Grace School \$.25	15 Pray for the members at St. Andrew in Niagara \$.25	16 Everything you do is right day - only if it is God pleasing \$.25	17 Wear green or pay \$.50 God likes green
18 Wear purple today for Lent and LWML \$.50	19 Pray for the Sisters in Christ at St. John's - Oakes \$.25	20 <i>Spring Begins</i> If you hear a bird sing today Thank God \$.10	21 Did you go to Lenten Services? \$.20 if you did \$.50 if you didn't	22 Pray for Mite Project #108 - Grace School \$.50	23 Keep our LWML District President Valerie in prayer \$.25	24 Remember a shut-in today with a visit. If you don't give \$1.00
25 Sing loud Hosannas for Jesus today \$.30 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	26 Pray for all our Missionaries in the Mission Field \$.50	27 Pray for the members of Grace - Cooperstown \$.25	28 Read your favorite Bible passage today out loud \$.30	29 Pray for the members of St. John - Crystal \$.25	30 Doctor's Day - Pray for yours \$.20 <i>Good Friday</i>	31 Pray for our LCMS District President \$.25

<p>Let prayer be the key of the day</p> <p>and the bolt of the night.</p> <p>Jean Paul Richter</p>	<p>If joy is a disease,</p> <p>Little kids are the carriers.</p> <p>Sherrie Schroeder</p>
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The family of Wilma Kitzman-Entzel-Gust would like to express their deepest gratitude for the prayers, words of comfort, cards, and memorials received from her ND District LWML sisters. She truly enjoyed using her God-given talents working on the district board of directors and treasured the friendships always!



Official Call to Convention

Members of the LWML North Dakota District, this is your official Call to Convention. We have been called to "Lift High the Name of Jesus". You are invited and encouraged to come to Minot, June 22-24, 2018 as we rejoice with our sisters and brothers in Christ and celebrate the Name which is above every name, Jesus our Lord. There will be a celebration of 75 years of God's blessings to the LWML. You will be inspired and uplifted by worship, Bible study and special speakers.

Delegates to the convention will have voice and vote and be making decisions on mission grants and new officers.

You are cordially invited to come and be energized as Lutheran Women in Mission. Please join me and the women and men of the Northwest Zone who will welcome you to Minot June 22-24, 2018.

Lifting High the Name of Jesus,

Valerie Biberdorf, LWML ND District President



Convention Offerings

There are designated times that offerings will be collected at convention and the money has been earmarked to be given to the following ministries or people.

Convention Offering #1 – This offering will be taken on Friday night during the Opening Worship Service. All the money given will go to Mites to help fund our North Dakota District Mission Grants and the mission grants at the National LWML level.

Convention Offering #2 – This offering will be taken on Saturday afternoon. The funds collected will be given to Wittenburg Chapel, a ministry of our LCMS ND District located at UND in Grand Forks.

Convention Offering #3 – This offering will be taken during our Closing Worship Service on Sunday morning. All monies collected will be given to help support Nichelle Dykema as she serves our Lord through the LCMS in Lima, Peru. Nichelle is from Idaho and is an LWML'er! Please also pray for her and all missionaries wherever they serve.





REGISTRATION FORM

LWML North Dakota District 38th Biennial Convention

June 22~24, 2018 Holiday Inn Minot, ND

NAME (please print) _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____
YOUR LWML ZONE _____
YOUR CHURCH NAME _____ CHURCH CITY _____

****Please fill out ONE of the boxes below, whichever applies to you**

VOTING REGISTRATION \$60 (does not include meals) check one	
Voting Delegate	
Voting member of BOD	
Voting Past Dist President	

NON-VOTING REGISTRATION (does not include meals) check one	
Attending all 3 days of convention \$60	
Attending Saturday only \$50	
YWR \$45	
Clergy \$50	
Guest/Spouse with paid member \$50	
Convention Worker \$35	

MEAL PACKAGE: \$45.00

-Lunch: Turkey or Ham Wrap, Pasta Salad, Cookie, Beverage

-Anniversary Banquet: Chicken Mornay, Mixed Green Salad, Vegetable, Potato, Dinner Roll, Beverage

EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION: \$25.00 per 8' skirted table (if you have not done so, you must also contact Geneal Roth at 701-720-2794 (voice or text) or groth@srt.com for information)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Delegates ~ May 22nd ; All others ~ June 1st

Full Registration – Friday through Sunday, June 22-24, 2018	\$60.00	\$
Registration – Saturday, June 23 only	\$50.00	\$
Registration – Young Woman Representative (YWR)	\$45.00	\$
Registration – Clergy	\$50.00	\$
Registration – Guest/Spouse with paid member	\$50.00	\$
Registration – Convention Worker	\$35.00	\$
Registration - Exhibitor	\$25.00/table	\$
Meal Package (Saturday)	\$45.00	\$
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	Ck #	\$

Make Check payable to: LWML ND District and mail with this form to:

Deb Schultz, 415 25th St NW, Minot, ND 58703

Please send my registration confirmation by: ☐ Email ☐ Mail

PLEASE CHECK THE EVENTS YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:

Convention Choir Rehearsal, Friday 2:00-4:00 p.m., St. Mark's Lutheran

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Servant Events, Friday 2:30-4:00 p.m.

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(Packing Mercy Meals; Sorting and Packing Ingathering Items; Folding newsletter)

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Friday Supper, 5:00 p.m., St. Mark's Lutheran (no cost)

☐ # attending _____

Delegate meeting, Friday 4:15-5:00 p.m., St. Mark's Lutheran

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HOUSING INFORMATION: Holiday Inn, 2200 Burdick Expressway East, Minot ND 701-852-2504
Room rate: \$89.00 Be sure to mention “LWML Convention”.

LWML Health and Emergency Information Form
This form needs to be completed for each person attending

Name_____

Address_____

Whom should we notify in case of an emergency?

Name_____ Relationship_____

Daytime phone_____ Nighttime phone_____

I am traveling or rooming with_____ at the convention and their cell phone
number is _____.

Medical Information

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

Please list any medication emergency personnel should be aware of:_____

Please list any **DIETARY NEEDS**:_____

Please list any **PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS**:_____

MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS

2018—2020

MG 1801 ~ \$35,000

ND DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

GOAL: To aid ND students with the financial costs associated with attending schools, colleges and seminaries in order that they may train to become full-time church workers.

NEED: The need for full-time church workers is great as we strive to follow our Lord's command to spread the Good News of Jesus' love to the world. The cost of education continues to escalate and is often a burden for those who desire to serve the Lord.

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 2018 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 1803 ~ \$7,500

CHRIST'S CARE FOR CHILDREN KENYA/ PROJECT 24

GOAL: To provide for the continued growth, care, and support of orphaned children in Kenya who reside at one of several Chris-centered child boarding facilities constructed through Project 24.

NEED: The funds from this grant will be used to provide Kenyan children with one year of care including food as well as educational and spiritual support. The cost to sponsor a child for one month is roughly \$90.00.

WHEREAS, Matthew 25:40 assures us that whenever and wherever we serve the "least of these brothers and sister" of Christ, we are serving the Lord; and

WHEREAS, the orphaned, neglected, and abandoned children in Kenya having no means, guidance nor help for success are clearly the "least of these;" and

WHEREAS, Project 24 is seeking assistance for the continued service and support to the children at their rescue centers through the Christ's Care for Children – Kenya program; and

WHEREAS, Psalms 133 recounts how good and pleasing it is when brothers live together in harmony for the sake of God's blessings; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota District – LCMS and the Minnesota North District – LCMS are already in partnership together and with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya to help with Project 24 and the children it serves; and

WHEREAS, this partnership has the opportunity to augment and expand its efforts through the Christ's Care for Children – Kenya as the program stated by ELCK to assist the work of Project 24 in providing for the ongoing needs of children in the rescue centers; and

WHEREAS, the sum of \$7500 will provide sponsorship of food, shelter, education, clothing, and all other living expenses for children;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League ND District in convention in Minot, ND in June 2018 grant \$7500 to Christ's Care for Children Kenya/Project 24 ND District – LCMS for purpose of the ND District, MN North District, and ELCK dwelling together in harmony by providing service and care to the "least of these" children of God in the Project 24 Rescue centers.

MG 1804 ~ \$7,500

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

GOAL: To provide food, clothing, medical assistance, and the true Word of God to those in need at home who have suffered losses via natural disasters and also provide aid to destitute people of the world, **NEED:** The funds for this grant will be used for shipping costs for containers of donated goods. The average cost to sponsor a shipment is \$9000.

WHEREAS, in Psalm 68:10b "in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy;" and

WHEREAS, the Orphan Grain Train has been in operation for over 25 years and is expanding its number of branches with millions of hours of volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, the Orphan Grain Train is meeting the needs of destitute people in Russia, Latvia, Liberia, Mexico and other countries around the world as well as hurricane, floor, tornado and fire victims across the United States; and

WHEREAS the Orphan Grain Train continue its efforts by giving of food, clothing, medical supplies

and God's Word to those in need; and
 WHEREAS, the cost to make a shipment is in the thousands of dollars;
 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to give thanks to God for the Grain Train volunteers and grant the organization \$7500 to assist with expenses to continue their work.

MG 1805 ~ \$5,000

MERCY MEALS—ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

GOAL: The desire to ease the burden of hunger for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are in need by showing the love of Christ in the preparation of nutritious and low-cost meals and to bring the joy and privilege of service for others to our neighbors by providing them with the opportunity to demonstrate Christ-like love through volunteering.

NEED: to purchase supplies for packing events (specifically for groups with minimal funding available) and transportation costs to travel to and from event sites over the 2018-2020 biennium. Some funds would also be used for equipment upgrade and replacement, and various office supply costs.

WHEREAS, we are encouraged by our Lord to care for others in need (Matthew 22:39, Luke 10:25-37, John 21:15-17); and

WHEREAS, we are encouraged by the apostles to be eager to serve and demonstrate love by serving one another (Romans 12:10-13, Galatians 5:13-14, Ephesians 6:7, 1 Peter 4:10-11, 1 Peter 5:2); and
 WHEREAS, when we show love and kindness in service to others, we are serving God with our gifts and bringing glory to Him (Matthew 25:40, 1 Peter 4:11, 2 Corinthians 9:12); and

WHEREAS, Mercy Meals of North Dakota provides the opportunity for people to live out their faith by serving God and their neighbor, and in doing so, provide food for those who are hungry;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League ND District in convention in Minot, North Dakota on June 22-24, 2018 grant \$5,000 to Mercy Meals of North Dakota for the purchase of supplies and equipment, and transportation costs in order to carry out their mission.

MG 1806 ~ \$5,000

GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL

GOAL: To increase the ability of families in our community to receive tuition assistance and have the ability to send their children to our school where they learn the faith and love that Jesus Christ offers to us.

NEED: Funds to help grow our scholarship fund availability in order to include more families of need.

WHEREAS, Christ in His Holy Word has instructed parents to bring up their children in the way of the Lord and has asked that little children be brought to Him; and

WHEREAS, Grace Lutheran School is a necessary mission field in the Fargo-Moorhead community to help spread the word of Jesus Christ and the beliefs of the LCMS and is actively working to draw new members to the LCMS church through our outreach to these families; and

WHEREAS, scholarship availability increases the chances of some families' ability to attend our LCMS mission school; and

WHEREAS, scholarship Funds are needed to continue our evangelism mission into the Fargo-Moorhead community;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League ND District in convention in Minot, North Dakota on June 22-24, 2018 grant \$5,000 to Grace Lutheran School for the ability to offer more families tuition assistance.

MG 1807 ~ \$5,000

"CHRIST THE WAY" RADIO MINISTRY

GOAL: To spread the Word of God via this radio ministry started in 1929 in Fargo, ND and now located in Jamestown, ND.

NEED: The funds from this grant will be used to pay for production and broadcast costs of this radio ministry and provide stabilization of funds for future endeavors and potential rate increases. The cost per each 15 minute Sunday programs is approximately \$69.00.

WHEREAS, "Christ the Way" radio program has shared the gospel of Jesus Christ with many people in several Midwestern states since 1929; and

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

WHEREAS, "Christ the Way" has no endowment fund to support the cost of its programs but must rely on the donations of individuals and other organizations if its ministry is to continue into the future;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the ND District LWML in convention in Minot, North Dakota on June 22-24, 2018 grant \$5000.00 to support the Gospel ministry of "Christ the Way" radio program.

MG 1808 ~ \$10,000

MAIN STREET LIVING

GOAL: The goal is to provide a faithful-to-Scripture message of Jesus Christ to a large number of people through the mediums of TV broadcast and the Internet; especially to the home bound, assisted-living and nursing homes, as well as to the entire

“mission field” of all individuals who are at their homes on Sunday mornings and/or who have access to the Internet. While there are other religious programs being broadcast on TV, these programs are led by our own LCMS pastors!

NEED: The newly launched TV ministry covering approximately the eastern half of North Dakota and western half of northern Minnesota. The primary financial needs for this project include the purchasing of TV air time currently \$925/week plus the cost of updating recording and editing equipment.

WHEREAS, Holy Scripture informs us that: *“Faith comes by hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.” Romans 10:17*; and WHEREAS, the newly launched (January 1, 2017), locally produced “Main Street Living North” TV program features a distinctively LCMS 30-minute weekly worship service led by a rotating schedule of pastors of the ND & MN North Districts of the LCMS, and includes hymns locally recorded by our own Main Street Living Choir, plus a 30 minute Sunday School style children’s program called “Kid’s Crossing” which uses our Synod’s own Concordia Publishing House materials; and

WHEREAS, the Main Street Living North program is specifically designed for the home bound, assisted-living and nursing homes, as well as the “mission field” of all other individuals who are at their homes on Sunday mornings and/or who have access to the Internet; and

WHEREAS, the message of Christ can be efficiently taken to a large number of people through the medium of TV broadcast and the Internet, and the Main Street Living North program is currently being broadcast each Sunday morning at 10:00am to approximately the eastern half of North Dakota and beyond (see illustration), plus all programs are archived and available for viewing at any time on-line at

www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com; and

WHEREAS, the on-going cost of purchasing TV air time for the Main Street Living North program is currently \$925/week, plus the cost of updating recording and editing equipment and software, and that paying for these cost is completely dependent upon contributions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League ND District in convention in Minot, North Dakota on June 22-24, 2018 grant \$10,000, which would cover nearly 11 Sundays of purchasing TV air time, to Main Street Living North to assist them in presenting a quality evangelistic television ministry that invites the unchurched and shut-ins to better know the saving grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

MG 1810 ~ \$5,000

VALLEY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL—CEDAR RAPIDS, IA

GOAL: To raise funds for the tuition scholarship fund for Valley Lutheran High School, Cedar Falls, IA.

NEED: Valley Lutheran High School exists to assist parent in educating their young adults in the ways of the Lord. In the past three school years eight young adults expressed their love for God by being baptized and/or confirmed. Sixty-six percent of the student body is non LCMS Lutherans. As funds become available more students can be assisted. No student receives a full scholarship as the school’s philosophy is if they pay a portion they will be more involved in their education.

WHEREAS, the Bible states we are to “Train up a child in the way he should go”; and

WHEREAS, Valley Lutheran High School exists to assist parent in educating their young adults in the ways of the Lord, as well as academics; and

WHEREAS, the cost of tuition per student is less than the actual cost of education per student; and

WHEREAS, tuition assistance can help Valley Lutheran High School in its mission to reach more young adults and their families;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the ND District Lutheran Women’s Missionary League in convention in Minot, North Dakota on June 22-24, 2018 grant \$5,000 for the scholarship fund for Valley Lutheran High School in Cedar Falls, IA.

MG 1812 ~ \$5,000

DAKOTA BOYS AND GIRLS RANCH

GOAL: To enhance successful treatment of at-risk children at the Ranch by providing Christian education, one-on-one spiritual life support and group sessions, chapel services and baptismal Services to the children, families and staff at Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.

NEED: ND LWML funds will be used to support spiritual life programming to children at the Ranch.

WHEREAS, Proverbs 22:6 states, *“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it;”* and

WHEREAS, Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch is an essential Christian psychiatric and residential treatment center in North Dakota with a mission *to help at-risk children and their families succeed in the name of Christ*; and

WHEREAS, each day, the Ranch serves up to 140 children through a holistic model of care where our ministry’s success in serving at-risk children and families is attributed in great part to our Spiritual Life Program, which is not provided by secular agencies; and

WHEREAS, children find hope and healing through Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch’s focus on faith; and

WHEREAS, spiritual nurturing is a key part of the Ranch’s ministry and mission to help kids overcome their challenges and the trauma they have experi-

enced in their young lives; and WHEREAS, studies show that religious beliefs and practices decrease stress and are beneficial to mental health and that addressing spiritual needs in treatment allows the whole person to heal; and WHEREAS, proper educational approaches and techniques will provide youth and families a chance to find the strength, hope and support to overcome their challenges; and WHEREAS, the Ranch will continue to meet the spiritual needs of children in our care and enhance successful treatment in His name by providing; a spiritual assessment upon each child's arrival at the Ranch, a Bible and other Christian resources to introduce children to Jesus and help them grow in their faith, weekly chapel services with worship and teaching from God's Word, weekly Spiritual Life groups, a Christian environment, retreats and celebrations, ongoing Spiritual mentoring by our Chaplain and Spiritual Life Specialists, a daily devotion for Ranch employees, spiritual mentoring and guidance for employees; and THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the ND District Lutheran Women's Missionary League in convention in Minot, North Dakota on June 22-24, 2018 grant \$5,000 to the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Foundation to help provide a Spiritual Life Program to at-risk children across the state of North Dakota.

MG 1818 ~ \$2,500

ST. ANDREW'S MISSION SOCIETY BUS PROJECT

GOAL: The St Andrew Mission Society purpose is to spread the Gospel message through servant work. NEED: The wrap on the bus is faded, worn and looks shabby. The purchasing and installing a new wrap for bus giving a Christian message to all who view it. WHEREAS, in God's Holy Word we are encouraged to not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, and Jesus instructed His disciples to be His witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth; and WHEREAS, the St. Andrew Mission Society bus annually travels across the United States; and WHEREAS, the St. Andrew Mission Society bus is used by our youth as transportation to events; and WHEREAS, the St. Andrew Mission Society bus is a witness every day to the people in West Fargo; and WHEREAS, the message on the bus is a witness to all who view it; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Dakota District Lutheran Women's Missionary League in convention in Minot, North Dakota on June 22-24, 2018 grant \$2500 to the St. Andrew Mission Society for the purpose of purchasing and installing a new wrap for the bus, giving a Christian message to all who view it.

MG 1821 ~ \$2,250

CHINESE RESOURCES FOR CAMPUS MINISTRIES

GOAL: To extend the ministry of the Word by translating and publishing Lutheran books that help explain the Bible, including *Luther's Small Catechism*, *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories*, hymnals and providing the resources so desperately needed by churches and missionaries around the world.

NEED: LCMS campus ministries at the University of North Dakota and North Dakota State University have been blessed to have international students arrive on their doorsteps, wanting to know more about the Christian faith. The gift of a book in their own language is priceless for international students, and it opens doors to conversations about who God is.

WHEREAS, the Holy Spirit at Pentecost gave Jesus' disciples the gift of speaking in many tongues, so that all God's children might hear His call (Acts 2:1-41); and

WHEREAS, the United States continues to welcome immigrants and students from every corner of the world, including over 1,300 Chinese immigrants and international students in the North Dakota District; and

WHEREAS, LCMS campus ministries at North Dakota State University and University of North Dakota have established outreach to Chinese students to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with them and the Lutheran campus pastors of North Dakota have expressed a deep need for Lutheran books in the Chinese languages; and

WHEREAS, the Lutheran Heritage Foundation, an RSO of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, has for 25 years vigorously fulfilled its mission of translating and publishing Lutheran books, such as *Luther's Small Catechism* and the *Good News About Jesus* into the languages of the world, including Simplified and Traditional Chinese;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League – North Dakota District in convention in Minot, North Dakota on June 22-24, 2018 vote the sum of \$2,250 for the Lutheran Heritage Foundation to support Chinese Resources for ND Campus Ministries, giving church leaders and evangelism teams nationwide the materials they need to introduce Chinese international students and immigrants to the Savior, Jesus Christ.

MG 1823 ~ \$5,000

MARTIN LUTHER SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

GOAL: As the only biblically based Lutheran elementary school in western North Dakota, Martin Luther School strives to share the grace of God with our community. A good portion of our student body is either nominally Christian or not Christian at all.

NEED: We have been offering tuition assistance to all students since our inception, in the form of our Appleseed Fund. The ability to receive monies from the Appleseed Fund is based on the financial needs of our families and we have not turned anyone away because they are unable to pay our tuition. All funds given to our scholarship program return back to the students who need it. Without this fund our ministry would be greatly hindered and our ability to reach others with the love of Jesus would be limited

WHEREAS, God the Father has called us to raise our children in the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ; WHEREAS, Martin Luther School is meeting a unique need in central North Dakota for quality, biblical, Christian education;

WHEREAS, a large portion of our students and prospective students are nominally Christian or have no knowledge of the saving love of Jesus;

WHEREAS, a majority of our student body would not hear about the redeeming acts of their Savior if it were not for our Tuition Scholarship Fund;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League North Dakota District in convention in Minot, ND on June 22-24, 2018 grant \$5,000 to sponsor the costs student scholarships at Martin Luther School in Bismarck, ND.

MG 1826 ~ \$3,000 OPERATION BARNABAS

GOAL: Operation Barnabas is to expand the outreach to active-duty military especially those who are returning home. Our returning soldiers, sailors, airman and Marines are now leaving the war, but the war never leaves them.

NEED: In 2007, the LCMS created Operation Barnabas, a network of care to our military and their families. Barnabas is the only denominational program of care to our military in the nation. Operation Barnabas provides care for our military and their families during and after their deployment. Help provide the funding to continue the momentum of our care to military members and their families. From those who served in WW2, Korea, Vietnam and those who are current heroes, your support will enable us to share the life giving Gospel of Jesus to those who have given so much. WHEREAS, the Great Commission of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, commands us to reach out to all at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, with budget constraints of our country, many support programs for our military are being cut back; and

WHEREAS, Operation Barnabas seeks to equip and encourage LCMS congregations and their members, as well as local Operation Barnabas district counselors, for compassionate care and Gospel-sharing outreach; and

WHEREAS, through local Barnabas Chapters, members of nearby congregations will be encouraged

to explore how they might work together to ensure that the work is ongoing and self-supporting; and WHEREAS, Operation Barnabas will also begin intentionally partnering with deaconesses to address the needs of female soldiers and family members, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League North Dakota District in convention in Minot, North Dakota on June 22-24, 2018 grant \$3,000 to help fund Operation Barnabas.

MG 1827 ~ \$2,000 IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH CHILD CARE CENTER

GOAL: Immanuel Lutheran Church Child Care Center (ILCCCC), in Hankinson, ND is seeking a grant to purchase a Religion Curriculum with the objective of helping spread the Word of God to all the children who attend. The objective is that through a set curriculum children and staff will hear God's Word and share their new knowledge with those around them. Funding in the amount of \$2,000 is requested to purchase the One in Christ curriculum through Concordia Publishing House.

NEED: The child care center opened its doors on May 1, 2017. The grant will be used to purchase the Lutheran Curriculum *One in Christ* geared towards infants and toddler. The staff includes the director who is called and synodically trained. The other 7 staff come from different religious backgrounds. The curriculum will be extremely beneficial for the staff as well.

WHEREAS, Our Lord in His Holy Word has asked that the children be brought to Him to start them off on the way they should go so as when they are old they will not turn from Him; and

WHEREAS, through His Holy Word has instructed parents to raise their children in the way of the Lord; and

WHEREAS, Immanuel Lutheran Church Child Care Center is a necessary mission field in a community which needed child care and has already grown since opening; and

WHEREAS, a religion curriculum significantly expands the Christian knowledge of our staff, children, and families;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League ND District in convention in Minot, North Dakota on June 22-24, 2018 grant \$2,000 to Immanuel Lutheran Church Child Care Center for the purchase of the One in Christ curriculum.

GIFTS FROM THE HEART...

Welcome to 2018 and the year of the ND LWML District Convention. Although it is still several months until the convention in June, it is the perfect time to begin collecting for our **Ingathering** projects! There is plenty of time to involve your entire congregation in gathering the items. We have three organizations we will be gathering for, and they are:

Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch:

- *Bibles (NIV preferred)*
- *Christian music*
- *Art supplies*
- *Gift cards*
- *Equipment for summer activities (balls, games, fishing items, noncompetitive items)*

Domestic Violence Crisis Center: (all new items)

- *Women's undergarments*
- *Bath towels*
- *Pillow cases/twin sheets and bedding*
- *Personal and feminine care products*
- *Motel soaps, lotion, etc.*

Dakota Hope Clinic : (baby boutique—all new items)

- *Diaper(s) size 3, 4, 5*
- *Sleep sacks with zipper*
- *Most any baby items*

Servant Events

All events will take place on Friday, June 22, 2018, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Servant Event options:

- 1) **Mercy's Meals**—putting together meal packets—at St. Mark's
- 2) **Dakota Hope Clinic/Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch**—folding newsletters and possible other tasks as needed—at St. Mark's.
- 3) **Pack ingathering items** – at Holiday Inn.

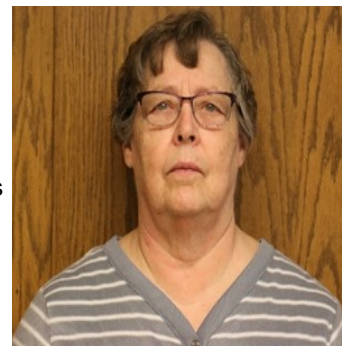
Watch for more information on these servant events in the April Messenger.

Missions in Motion – A new approach!

Our district convention is held at the beginning of summer, and the weather can be unpredictable – hot, cool, rainy – one never knows if the weather will be conducive to walking for our regular Missions in Motion walk. What if we try Missions in Motion a different way! I call it a 20 x \$30 Challenge. We tried this at Shepherd of the Valley in Bismarck, presenting the Challenge after services on LWML Sunday in October. We asked for 20 families to give \$30 within the next 30 days. We made it fun by giving people envelopes with feet stickers on them and asked that they place the envelope in the mite box. At the end of October we had collected \$420 in mites, over 60% of what we distributed. You can make this Challenge your own, determining the number that would work with your congregation. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me, Sue Hartley, at blessingspreserved@yahoo.com.

Mission Grant VP ~ BONNIE KRENZ

Praise to God for blessing the mites given. As of December 1 the following grants have been paid in full: Orphan Grain Train, Wahpeton LCMS U, Christ the Way Radio Ministry, and Concordia Fort Wayne Food Coop. Each of the projects, with God's blessing, will further the sharing of His word. Thank you, God, for giving us the ability to give those mites. There are still five projects to be paid. There is \$14,000 of the ND Full-time Church Workers Scholarships, half of the grant for Providing Spiritual and Emotional Care for Pastors to be paid as well as the full amount on the grants for Christ's Care for Children: Kenya, Grace Lutheran School Scholarship Fund, and Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. At this time \$44,000 of the \$76,000 has been paid. According to the bylaws, grants are to be paid by March 1. Please pray for the grants, pray that God will bless each mite given that each grant may be paid.



At one zone rally I was asked how mites are used. A mite is divided so not all goes to pay grant projects. From every dollar donated \$0.25 is sent to National LWML to help support their budget. The remaining \$0.75 is used by the District. There are District expenses that must be paid before the mission grant projects are paid. Expenses such as the printing and mailing of the newsletter and the cost associated with the website. District officers may submit a voucher for mileage to attend meetings, postage, meals, and other costs associated with serving you through being a District Officer. Many District Officers donate all or some of these costs. So you can see that each coin you place in your Mite Box is used in many ways.



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DISTRICT DATES

- ◆ ND District BOD Meeting:
Carrington ~ March 3, 2018 in Minot
- ◆ LWML North Dakota District Convention:
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	\$5,000.00	-0-
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	\$44,000.00	\$32,000.00