

Lutheran Women's Missionary League North Dakota District

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Encourage
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Messenger*

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

ND LWML Annual Fall Retreat

September 14 – 16, 2018

Chieftain Conference Center - Carrington, ND



Presenter: Deaconess Amy Rast

Bible Study and Worship: Rev. Jacob Swenson

Titus 2:11-14 "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us...who are zealous for good works."

An annual women's retreat sponsored by the ND Lutheran Womens Missionary League. All women of the district and their guests are welcome to join us.



JULY-AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2018
"Serve the Lord with gladness." Psalm 100:2

LWML ND DISTRICT PRESIDENT



"IT'S OVER ALREADY!"

You might recall me opening my article in the last Messenger with the line "it's almost here!" This time I am thinking, "it's over already!" What's over – why the convention, of course. As I write this, one week ago we were in Minot lifting high the name of Jesus.

I am also thanking God for the opportunity and pleasure of being your president. I am thanking God for convention manager Sue Corwin, convention co-chairs Geneal Roth and Cheryl

Hager and all the women and men of the NW Zone who worked so hard to put on a great convention.

I am thanking God for our speakers: Jan Wendorf who shared about her mission trip to Tanzania; Rev. Bernie Seter who shared with us some of his vision of doing missionary work; Marilyn Schroeder, LWML Treasurer, who brought greetings from Patti Ross and the LWML as our rep; Rev. Dr. Larry Harvala who shared memories on Saturday night at the banquet of his time as district pastoral counselor here in North Dakota. I thank God for Rev. Adam Moline who led us in Bible study during the convention and worship on Friday evening along with Eunice Diemeyer and Faith Swenson and the choir for providing praises to God through their music; and to Rev. Jacob Swenson who led us in worship on Sunday. I know there are so many more and I continue thanking God for each one of you.

I am thanking Him also for all of you

who took the time to attend the convention either as a delegate or a guest. I pray that you were encouraged, engaged, and uplifted and that you can carry that feeling home to your units and zones. I thank you, delegates, for being there to select new mission grants and to elect new officers for the 2018-2020 biennium.

God continued blessings as we move forward into the 2018-2020 biennium and "Lift High the Name of Jesus!"

*O Savior, precious Savior,
Whom yet unseen we love;
O Name of might and favor,
All other names above,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our holy Lord and King.*

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President Valerie

LWML ND DISTRICT PRAYER CHAIN

President Valerie sent out these prayer requests she received via email, for May 2018—July 2018:

- † Continued prayers for the doctors to find the right treatment for Allison, daughter of Paulette Huber, suffering from depression and anxiety.
- † Praise & thanksgiving for all of our 2016-18 Mission Grants being paid in full! God is good!
- † Prayers for attendance at the District Convention in Minot.
- † Prayers for Megan Fair's Grandma Colleen who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- † Prayers for Ruby, Paulette Huber's mother, after falling and fracturing a bone in her pelvis area.
- † Prayers of thankfulness for Darci Wolff's daughter, Grace, on her high school graduation. Also for twin granddaughters born to daughter Lexi on May 14. Aubrey Ann and Ella Jayde had a 4 week stay in the NICU and are now at home and thriving!
- † Prayers for Dick Hyde, President Valerie's father, who had a heart bypass and heart valve replacement.
- † Prayers for Janet Bauer to have a successful surgery and recovery after a leg fracture.
- † Prayers for Kim Weisenberger's mom, Norma Weisz, who fell and has a fractured arm.
- † Prayers for Carol Howe, Paul Huber's sister, hospitalized with cellulitis (infection).
- † Prayers for former District Recording Secretary Gail Rahlf and family at the loss of her husband Paul.
- † Prayers for Cheryl Ewer from Bismarck, diagnosed with Guillian Barre disease.
- † Prayers for Staci Hoffman, a young mother battling malignant melanoma for the 2nd time and following treatment, will need a knee replacement.
- † Prayers for Past District LWML President Debbie Larson and her husband Scott, forced to evacuate from their new home in Colorado due to wildfires.
- † Prayers for Ted Wolff, father-in-law of Darci Wolff, dealing with another return of cancer, this time affecting his kidney.
- † Prayers for Erin Klebe, daughter of Beth Klebe, who is hospitalized with blood clots in her heart, lungs and leg.

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.



Fall Women's Retreat

The women of the LWML North Dakota District will be hosting their annual retreat September 14-16, 2018 at the Chieftain Motel and Conference Center in Carrington, ND. The theme of the retreat is "V. B. S. 'Vocation Bible School.'" The presenter for the retreat is Deaconess Amy Rast. Deaconess Rast serves as the associate director of Deaconess Studies at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. During the retreat Amy will address "our shared vocations as Women, Christians, Lutherans, and servants in our various vocations (mother, teacher, accountant, church worker, etc.)."

Events begin on Friday evening with social time, snacks and coffee, and a devotion. Saturday events include presentations by Deaconess Rast, Bible study, and a servant event – packing Mercy Meals. A financial ingathering will be received to be given to Mercy Meals. Events conclude on Sunday morning with breakfast and a closing worship service.

Registration information can be found on the next two pages and is also available from your LWML president and on the district LWML website, www.ndlwml.org.

You are encouraged to register and make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. Bring a friend or two. You won't want to miss this exciting weekend!

CALLING YOUNG WOMEN!

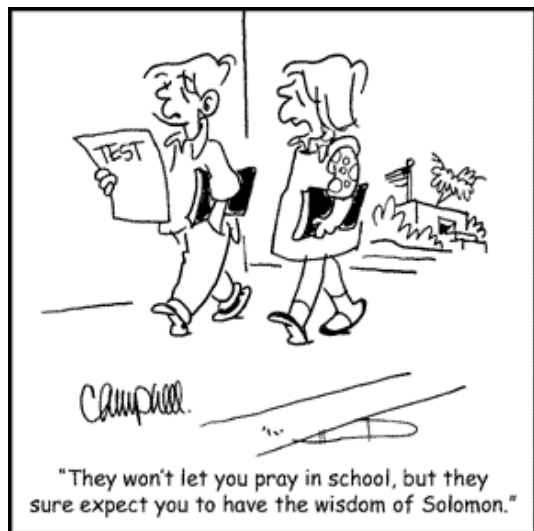
If you know of young women in your congregation, unit or zone who would like to attend the LWML convention in Mobile in 2019 or you are a young woman who would be interested, we want to hear from you. There is a form on our website, ndlwml.org, under forms that you need to fill out. Send that form to our VP of Servant Resources Sara Eclipse. Her address is: 38796 107th Street, Frederick SD 57441. Her email is: eclipsesara@yahoo.com. The Board of Directors will look at these forms at our meeting in November. Two young women will be chosen to be part of the ND delegation attending the convention on June 20-23, 2019 in Mobile, Alabama. All your expenses are paid by the LWML ND District. There is more information on the form or contact Sara or President Valerie at vbiberdorf@live.com. The deadline for submitting the form is October 31, 2018.

CONVENTION BANNER DESIGN & CRAFTER NEEDED!

We are looking for banner designs for a LWML ND District banner for the LWML Convention in Mobile, AL June 20-23, 2019. If you have a talent for banner design we want to hear from you. The design should be based on the theme "Great Is the Lord" from Psalm 145:1-3.

Please submit your design to President Valerie by October 31, 2018 so they can be voted on at the November Board of Directors meeting. The banner will be carried in the banner processional at the Mobile convention but will also be used at the next LWML ND District convention in Fargo in June 2020.

We will also need someone to craft the banner once a design is chosen. Contact President Valerie at vbiberdorf@live.com if you have any questions or for more details.



ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS

You can now designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to go to the LWML ND District! A great way to send more money for Mites!



Deaconess Amy Rast, our presenter, comes to us from Fort Wayne, IN where she serves as the associate director of Deaconess Studies at Concordia Theological Seminary. Her education includes degrees in social work and also a degree that led to her certification as a deaconess in the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod in 2013.

She is wife to Rev. Dr. Lawrence Rast as well as mother to their children. She will be sharing with us her Christian faith and guide us as we seek to discover, or rediscover, how we can “bloom where we are planted” in our roles as Christian women in our homes, communities, and nation.

What to bring:

Bible, Mite Offerings, Friends, Relatives Financial donation/ingathering for Mercy Meals.

Skits, readings, musical numbers, etc. for the No Talent Variety Show

For Friday evening:

Board or card games

LWML STORE:

Find some of the latest LWML items as well as favorites. The new LWML logo will be found on many new items.

Devotion/Worship Leader:

Rev. Jacob Swenson, Senior Counselor for the ND District LWML and pastor at St. John Hillsboro and Trinity Hope, ND



The Fall ND LWML Women's Retreat is sponsored by the LWML and is designed for all women of the ND District and their guests. Please join us: grow in faith, relax and enjoy time with your sisters in Christ.

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Bible Study

Food, Fellowship, Worship

Titus 2:11-14 "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us... who are zealous for good works."

Discover our shared vocations in service to Christ and His Church as women, Christians, Lutherans, and servants within our roles as mothers & grandmothers, employees & volunteers "wherever and whenever He has need of us."



North Dakota District

Tentative 2018 Retreat Schedule Overview:

Friday, September 14, 2018

- 7:00 pm Registration, Coffee/refreshments, Social Mixer, Singing and games

Saturday, September 15, 2018

- 7:15 am Registration
- 7:30-8:45 am Breakfast
- 8:45 am Singing
- 9:00 am Opening Devotion, Welcome & announcements
- 9:00 – 9:50 **Bible Study**
- 9:50-10:00 Break
- 10:00 – 11:00 **VBS Session 1**
- 11:00 – 11:10 Break
- 11:00 – 12:00 **VBS Session 2**
- 12:00 – 12:45 Lunch
- 12:45 -1 :00 Singing
- 1:00 – 1:45 **Bible Study**
- 1:45 – 2:45 **VBS Session 3**
- 2:45 – 3:00 Break
- 3:00 Servant Event – Mercy Meals
- 5:30 Banquet
- 6:30 No Talent Variety Show

Sunday, September 16, 2018

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:15 Singing
- 8:30 **Worship**

Motel Information:

Chieftain Convention Center

60 4th Ave. S.
Carrington, ND
701-652-3131

Carrington Inn & Suites

101 4th Ave. S
Carrington, ND
701-652-3982

Cobblestone Inn & Suites

835 5th Ave. N.
Carrington, ND
701-652-300

*You are strongly encouraged to make room reservations as soon as possible. A limited number of rooms will be reserved until the end of August. Please cancel any room reservations you will not be using.

Registration opens July 15, 2018

Mailing deadline is Sept. 4.
On-site registration available.
Please make checks payable to
ND District LWML

Mail registration and check to
Kay Kreklau,
103 N 5th Street
Drayton, ND 58225

Questions? Need additional information?

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Osage, MN 56570
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2018 ND LWML Retreat Registration

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Cost:

\$70.00 for the entire weekend

(Includes materials, 3 Sat. meals & Sun breakfast)

\$60.00 for Saturday only

(Includes materials & 3 Saturday meals)

Dietary Restrictions:

Health and Emergency Information:

Please list any health conditions, allergies, or medications you are taking that should be considered in case of an emergency:

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship: _____

Please confirm registration by:

_____ e-mail _____ regular mail

2018-2020 Mission Grants

The following mission grants were selected by the North Dakota District Lutheran Women's Missionary League convention delegates in June 2018. Please lift these grant recipients up in prayer and support them with your mites.

ND District Full-Time Church Worker
Scholarships \$35,000

Orphan Grain Train – ND Branch \$7,500

Christ's Care for Children: Kenya \$7500

Mercy Meals through Orphan Grain Train
\$5,000

Operation Barnabas \$3,000

St. Andrews Mission Society Bus Project
\$2,500

Main Street Living \$10,000

Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch \$5,000

Martin Luther School Scholarship Fund
\$5,000 partial funded \$625

Immanuel Lutheran Church Child Care
Center \$2,000 partial funded \$625

Find us on the web:
North Dakota National
www.ndlwml.org www.lwml.org



CONVENTION PHOTOS

Mission Grants VP.....Bonnie Krenz



The mission grants for 2016-2018 were all funded. Praise the Lord for enabling North Dakota LWML'ers to give their mighty mites in support of these projects.

At the 2018 Minot Convention the delegates approved the mission grant budget of \$76,500 with the mission projects listed below. Please remember them in your prayers. The Mission Grant committee will provide a mite calendar in each Messenger over the next biennium for you to use as you wish. A poster for each project can be found on the ND LWML web page. As projects are paid the chart on the webpage will be updated. Visit the web page often at ndlwm.org.

LWML North Dakota District Mission Grants 2018-2020 Biennium

1. MG 1801 ND District Full-Time Church Worker Scholarships \$35,000
2. MG 1804 Orphan Grain Train – ND Branch - \$7,500
3. MG 1803 Christ's Care for Children: Kenya - \$7500
4. MG 1805 Mercy Meals through Orphan Grain Train - \$5,000
5. MG 1826 Operation Barnabas \$3,000
6. MG 1818 St. Andrews Mission Society Bus Project \$2,500
7. MG 1808 Main Street Living \$10,000
8. MG 1812 Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch - \$5,000
9. MG 1823 Martin Luther School Scholarship Fund - \$5,000 partial funded \$625
10. MG 1827 Immanuel Lutheran Church Child Care Center \$2,000 partial funded \$625

The following projects were also on the ballot but were not voted to be funded. Please remember them in your prayers that their work may continue and find funding from other sources. If your unit at Christmas or other times during the year gives gifts please remember the needs of these projects that were not funded. If you need more information about any of these project, please contact me.

MG 1821 Chinese Resources for Campus Ministries \$2,250 The Lutheran Heritage Foundation has translated and published several very useful Lutheran books in the Chinese languages that are widely used in North Dakota's campus ministries. LCMS campus ministries at NDSU and UND have established outreach to Chinese students to introduce them to the love of Jesus. However, a great challenge remains: Often the Chinese students aren't fluent in English, and the pastors and evangelism teams don't speak Chinese. With the help of the LWML, over 800 books will be provided by LHF for Chinese campus ministry outreach here in North Dakota and giving them the resources they need to share the Good News with their Chinese students in a language they can easily read and understand.

MG 1806 Grace Lutheran School Scholarship Fund - \$5,000 The grant will increase the ability of families in our community to receive tuition assistance and have the ability to send their children to Grace School where they learn the faith and love that Jesus Christ offers. Grace School is the only LCMS school in Fargo-Moorhead and is supported by six LCMS churches. Grace has been in operation for over 68 years. The grant will be used to help with the growing financial strain of young millennial families and to help bring new families into the LCMS faith by removing financial barriers through the offering of scholarships.

MG 1807 Christ the Way Radio Ministry - \$5,000 "Christ the Way" radio program has been on the air in North Dakota since 1929. The program was originally called "The Way" when it aired from Fargo. The name changed when the radio program moved to Jamestown in 1986. Pastor Eckstein recruits pastors of the ND District to record programs which they email to Pastor Eckstein. He then burns their messages to CD which Philip Cherney delivers to the radio station. Cherney sets up the program by adding opening and closing comments along with music selections. The funds 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 program is approximately \$69.00

MG 1810 Valley Lutheran High School Scholarship Fund, Cedar Falls, IA \$5,000 By the Grace of God, Valley Lutheran School strives to inspire students by strengthening faith in Christ, pursuing academic excellence, and preparing hearts for service. Families choose Valley as an alternative to public education, as they educate children, not only academically and emotionally, but also spiritually through the love of Jesus Christ. The student body is 33% LCMS members. In the past three years 8 young adults have expressed their love for God by being baptized and/or confirmed. No student receives a full scholarship as the high school's philosophy is if they pay a portion they will be more involved in their education. Tuition for one student is \$5475 per year. The tuition does not cover the cost of a student's education so the high school relies on the support of area churches, donations and fundraisers. A grant from the LWML would help to offer scholarships to families in need of financial support.



July 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <u>Canada Day</u> Pray for your LWML Sisters in Canada \$.50	2 2 nd Half of the Year Day. Give it your all this half. \$.25	3 Pray for your Sisters at Zion, Edgeley. \$.25	4 <u>Independence Day</u> Give thanks for your freedoms, the military and for all Veterans. \$.50	5 Apple Turnover Day. Indulge and share with a friend. \$.35	6 Fried Chicken Day. Grab a Wing and say a prayer. \$.15	7 Chocolate Day. Every day is chocolate day for LWMLer's \$.15
8 This is the Day the Lord Has Made. Rejoice and be glad. \$.35	9 Give thanks for the ND District LWML Counselors \$.50	10 Pray for all the ladies at St. John McClusky \$.25	11 Pray for your favorite Mission Grant \$1.00	12 Different colored eye day. Give thanks for your vision. \$.25	13 Pray for our friends at Bethlehem/St. John in Newburg \$.25	14 Call or visit a shut in or long lost friend. \$.15
15 Worship the Lord with song. Sing like no one is listening.	16 Hug your Kids Day. \$.20 for each child & \$.10 for grands	17 Your sisters at Zion, Ellendale will appreciate a prayer. \$.25	18 Pray for the orphans in Kenya and throughout the world. \$.50	19 LWMLers at St. Matthew in Max thank you for prayer. \$.25	20 Cake Day. Bake and share with your neighbor. \$.10	21 Junk Food Day \$.10 for each "junk food" you have
22 Give thanks for your organists and thank them in person. \$.25	23 Beautiful Savior in Fargo will be blessed by your prayers. \$.25	24 Tell a Joke Day Laughter is good for the Soul. \$.20	25 Pray for Mercy Meals and the people who receive them. \$.50	26 Pray for the ladies of Messiah in Mandan. \$.25	27 Pray for the LWML and the Board of Directors. \$.20	28 Clean a closet today. \$.10 for each closet
29 The battle has been fought and won. We are forgiven in Christ. \$.50	30 Cheesecake Day. Enjoy a piece with friends. \$.15	31 Pray for your family. \$.10 for each family member	<p><i>A little folly now and then is cherished by the wisest of men.</i></p> <p><i>Take care that the face that looks out from the mirror in the morning is a pleasant face. You may not see it again during the day, but others will.</i></p> <p><i>Anonymous</i></p>			



A = Always
S = Say
A = A
P = Prayer



A.S.A.P.: Always Say A Prayer.
with each drop of a coin in your Mite box.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League
North Dakota District



Human Care VP.....SUE HARTLEY



Thank you doesn't see like big enough words for the outpouring of love and care each of you showed in contributing to Gifts From the Heart at the recent ND District LWML Convention in Minot. Our collection spot at the hotel was generously filled with items such as:

- ◆ For Dakota Hope Clinic: over 100 packages of diapers, beautifully stitched baby quilts, and many other items new mothers can use for their newborns.
- ◆ For the domestic violence center: over 500 personal hygiene items and numerous bedding sets and blankets.
- ◆ For Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch: over two dozen Bibles, art supplies and Christian CDs.

Each of the organizations that came to pick up their items were amazed and so thankful for your generosity.

A big thank you, too, for all those that gave up their Friday afternoon to take part in the various servant events. Over 5400 Mercy Meals were packaged, letters were folded and envelopes stuffed as well as boxes put together for Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch. The time you gave to accomplish these projects is greatly appreciated.

Finally, over \$1,100 was raised for Missions in Motion. It is truly exciting, as we tried a new format instead of scheduling a walk during the convention. I invite you to let me know your thoughts on this new format of 30 x \$30 Missions in Motion challenge.

Blessings in Christ,

Sue Hartley
VP of Human Care

Parliamentarian.....Bonnie Krenz

The 2018 Minot Convention delegates approved many bylaw changes. Most of the changes were simply to bring the North Dakota District LWML bylaws in alignment with National LWML bylaws. There was one change to the ND District LWML bylaws. The new bylaw defines who can be an individual member, how to become an individual member, and what privileges are and aren't available to an individual member. An individual member can express a view, vote, and be elected to an office at the zone level. An individual member cannot serve as a delegate to and cannot vote at either the District or National conventions. This is because an individual member only represents herself, whereas, a member of a society represents a group of members. The individual member can be appointed to a district committee and elected to a district office. As an elected district officer an individual member can vote at the district convention, as she is representing all the members of the ND LWML district who elected her to the office. The District Bylaws should be updated and posted to the website by the end of September.



Past District Presidents attending the District Convention:

L-R: Lilly Hintz-Henke, JoAnn Bladow, Dottie Sincebaugh, Kay Kreklau, Debbie Larson, Sue Corwin, Paulette Huber, President Valerie Biberdorf.

MEET YOUR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS...



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LIFE



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DISTRICT DATES

- ◆ LWML North Dakota District Retreat:
Carrington ~ September 14-16, 2018
- ◆ LWML ND District BOD Meeting:
Carrington ~ November 3, 2018



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LWML ND District Mission Grants 2018-2020 Biennium

MISSION GRANT	AMOUNT BUDGETED	AMOUNT PAID	BALANCE
ND District Full-Time Church Worker Scholarships	\$35,000.00	-0-	\$35,000.00
Orphan Grain Train—ND Branch	\$7,500.00	-0-	\$7,500.00
Christ's Care for Children: Kenya	\$7,500.00	-0-	\$7,500.00
Mercy Meals through Orphan Grain Train	\$5,000.00	-0-	\$5,000.00
Operation Barnabas	\$3,000.00	-0-	\$3,000.00
St. Andrews Mission Society Bus Project	\$2,500.00	-0-	\$2,500.00
Main Street Living	\$10,000.00	-0-	\$10,000.00
Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch	\$5,000.00	-0-	\$5,000.00
Martin Luther School Scholarship Fund (partial funded)	\$625.00	-0-	\$625.00
Immanuel Lutheran Church Child Care Center (partial funded)	\$625.00	-0-	\$625.00
TOTALS	\$76,750.00	-0-	\$76,750.00