

Lutheran Women's Missionary League North Dakota District

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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.

JANUARY-FEBRUARY-MARCH 2019

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

LWML 38th Biennial Convention Mobile, AL June 20-23, 2019

The 38th Biennial Convention of the LWML will be held in Mobile, Alabama on Thursday, June 20 through Sunday, June 23, 2019. The theme is "In Praise to the Lord" based on 1 Chronicles 16:23-24a which reads: Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations.

The LWML North Dakota District will be sending 6 delegates: Bonnie Krenz (Central Zone), Ruth Walsh (Eastern Zone), Tami Ulland (NE Zone), Betty Marschner (NW Zone), Carla Isom (SE Zone), Lillian Vossler (SW Zone); Young Woman Reps: Heather Gisi (Zion Lutheran, Ellendale), Rebecca Furman (Zion Lutheran, Ellendale), Brianna Wegner (Bethel Lutheran, Bismarck); Junior Pastoral Counselor Rev. Aaron Hambleton and District President Valerie Biberdorf.

Have you ever been to Alabama? Have you ever been to an LWML convention? Now would be a great time to go! You can take in the sights and attend a national convention – an experience you will not soon forget. Worshiping with several thousand fellow Lutherans is a truly uplifting experience. Registration forms, information on housing and much more is in the Winter Quarterly. Registration opens February 1, housing opens January 2. Information and registration will also be available on the website: lwml.org.

Please remember in prayer the delegates, YWR's, Rev. Hambleton and President Valerie as they travel to Mobile and represent our district at the convention. Also pray about attending yourself. It will be a great time! Any questions, please contact President Valerie.



LWML ND DISTRICT PRESIDENT



A New Year of God's Promises

Happy New Year! As we all know, this is the time of year for making resolutions that you promise yourself you will follow into the new year, whether it is dieting or exercising more or something else. Do they last? If they don't, why not? Do we get tired of those new ways and go back to our same old behaviors because they are more comfortable or easy for us to do? Is it sin in our lives or perhaps just a lack of desire?

As we move into 2019 we can be eternally grateful that our God keeps His promises to us. He does not waver or change His mind no matter how ungrateful or impossible we are. Why? Because He loves us more than we can ever understand. We are His children. John writes in his first

epistle: *See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. (1John 3:1)*

We have just celebrated the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, a wonderful promise that God fulfilled. *But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. (Galatians 4:4)* A glorious promise fulfilled!

We have the opportunity to share God's many promises with others through the LWML both here in North Dakota, nationally and around the world. Last November four of us from North Dakota attended the Assembly of Leaders conference put on by LWML. Our junior pastoral counselor Rev. Aaron Hambleton, VP of Servant Resources Sara Eclipse, YWR from Albuquerque Ali Arndt and I attended this conference in St. Louis. We learned a lot. We promised to share what we learned with all of you in our district. To that end we will be putting on sessions at either spring or fall zone rallies in your zones. We are excited to share

what we learned to help you be equipped and encouraged to bring the good news of God's promises through Jesus Christ to others. Please look for dates and times for these training sessions elsewhere in this newsletter.

Also elsewhere in this newsletter is information about the upcoming LWML convention which will be held June 20-23, 2019 in Mobile, Alabama. The theme is "In Praise to the Lord" based on 1 Chronicles 16:23-24a which reads *Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations.* We will be sending 6 delegates, 3 YWRs, our junior counselor and district president. Check out the information in the Winter Quarterly and pray about attending yourself.

All of God's promises to us are fulfilled in our Savior Jesus Christ. He is with us through this year and all the years of our lives. Live in His grace and peace.

*Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.*
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President Valerie



If you are wanting to attend the LWML Convention this summer in Mobile and would like to ride a bus rather than flying, LWML MN North, LWML MN South, and LWML South Dakota districts are all planning on taking a bus to Mobile. If you are interested please contact: South Dakota District President Lisa Asmus at lwmlsdpres@gmail.com or MN North President Marilyn Hittel at president@lwmlmnn.org. Any questions, contact President Valerie

VP of Mission Grants ~ BONNIE KRENZ



During the month of November with your mite offering the following grants were partially funded:

- North Dakota Church Workers Scholarship \$14,000
- Orphan Grain Train ND Branch Jamestown \$4,000
- Christ's Care for Children: Kenya \$3,500.

The goal is to pay the following mission grants by March:

- Orphan Grain Train ND Branch Jamestown final payment \$3,500 - **PAID!** (Dec.)
- Christ's Care for Children: Kenya final payment \$4,000 - **PAID!** (Dec.)
- Mercy Meals of North Dakota \$5,000
- North Dakota Church Workers Scholarship \$7,000

Orphan Grain Train is asking for hygiene kits, layette kits, school kits, and feminine kits. For the exact items to be included in each kit check the website as the list is update regularly to follow custom requirements. <http://www.ogt.org/help/projects> By following the list the kits won't need to be repacked by the volunteers at Orphan Grain Train. The Mercy Meals has been able to purchase a container from OGT to be used to house their raw products and also the completed boxed meals. This will be mouse proof and no longer require multiple trips to get product.

The District sends 25% of your mite offering to the National LWML to help mission grants approved at the national convention. At the 2017 convention \$2,075,000.00 was approved as the mite goal. As of October 31, 2018 the mission projects paid is \$1,397,306.08. According to the National bylaws, National mission projects are to be paid by March 31, 2019.

Do you use a drive through for food purchases? I do sometime. Do you have the exact change needed to pay with? I never do. I always get some change that I can't decide what to with as they are handing my food. Here is a suggestion from the National LWML: The free colorful labels can be attached to a small Pringles™ potato chip or similar container and used in the cup holder of your vehicle and other places as one more way to collect mites for missions.



This mite label is designed to fit around a 1.75 oz Pringles' chip can for use in the cup holder of your vehicle. Print on 8.5" x 11" sticky backed paper and cut exactly along the edges of the design. It also may be printed on regular paper and glued or taped to the can. Be sure your printer image is set for 100%. There will be a 1/8" overlap. Use them anywhere; be creative. You are sharing God's love, mercy and grace with the world. Praise God!

Find these labels at:

https://unite-production.s3.amazonaws.com/tenants/lwml/attachments/22938/mite_label.pdf

Human Care VP.....SUE HARTLEY



Do you have your favorite causes? We have just finished with the Christmas season, and if your household is similar to mine, you received at least **three** requests per day for a donation. I have to admit that I am soft-hearted and would like to contribute to each and every cause, but I am just not financially able to do it. Even throughout the year there will be certain causes that pull at my heart strings stronger than others. Especially if there has been a natural disaster, which seems to be happening more often. LCMS Disaster Relief is prompt in sending out pleas when disaster happens in the U.S. and beyond. It is a trusted source that I know my contribution will go directly to where it is needed.

Over the last couple of years I have made it a priority to give a monthly amount towards the LWML district and national mission projects. What keeps me inspired is receiving the LWML Quarterly and learning more about each of the mission projects that have been selected for the biennium. I especially enjoy the last couple of pages that show all the wonderful **human care** projects that LWML women are doing across the nation.

As we begin 2019 I would encourage you to make it a priority to fill your LWML Mite Box, designating an amount to give each month. You know it will go towards a God-worthy cause!

Assembly of Leaders

The LWML 2018 Assembly of Leaders was held last November 7-10 in St. Louis at the Airport Hilton Hotel. 4 people from North Dakota attended: President Valerie Biberdorf, Pastoral Counselor Rev. Aaron Hambleton, VP of Servant Resources Sara Eclipse, and YWR from Albuquerque Ali Arndt. It was a very busy time and we learned a lot of practical leadership ideas, inspiration and hands-on activities which we are looking forward to sharing with all of you.

Part of the responsibility of attending this training event was to bring the information back and share it with our district, zones, and congregations. To that end, there will be presentations at the following times and locations:

BOD meeting in Carrington on March 2

Spring event combined Eastern and Southeast Zones April 6 at St. Andrew, West Fargo

Spring event Central Zone April 13 at Concordia, Jamestown

There will be several more at zone rallies in the fall. More information on times and places will be coming.

What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me – practice these things and the God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4:9)



Now is time to start preparing a Mission Grant Proposal. The proposals for consideration at the 2020 convention need to be submitted by September 30, 2019. That's only nine months away. The form is available on the LWML North Dakota District website (<http://www.ndlwml.org>) under the Mission Grant tab. If there are any questions please contact Bonnie Krenz, Vice President of Mission Grants.

SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!

MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDARS – JUNE 26-28, 2020!!

Why, you ask? June 26-28, 2020 is the date of the LWML ND District convention. It will be in Fargo at the Delta Hotel by Marriott.

- The Theme: "Great is the Lord" based on Psalm 145:1-3 which says *I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.*
- The Speakers: Keynote: Jan Struck is a Christian humorist who has served as the humorous interrupter at many LWML events. She will be at the upcoming LWML convention in Mobile in 2019. Mission speaker: Rev. Dr. Robert Roegner is the former director of LCMS World Missions. He now serves as pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in Winghaven, MO and is the Chairman of the Board for Apple of His Eye Ministries bringing the Gospel to Jews in Israel. Songleader: Wendysue Fluegge will be our songleader and entertainment for Saturday night. She was the songleader at the LWML convention in Albuquerque in 2017.

We will also be led in Bible study by our senior pastoral counselor Rev. Dave Suelzle, selecting mission grants and electing new officers for the following offices: President, VP of Mission Grants, VP of Human Care, VP of Communication, Treasurer and Nominating Committee Chairman. If you have a desire to serve your Lord through any of these offices, I know that our current Nominating Committee Chairman, Paulette Huber, would LOVE to talk with you!

SO...The Date: Friday, June 26 through Sunday, June 28, 2020
The Place: Delta Hotel in Fargo ND

BE THERE to praise our Lord with Gladness!

Save
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Date

When: Sept 20-22

Where: Shepherd's Hill at the Cross Roads

What: Our annual LWML District Retreat

Who: We have just confirmed Donna Pyle as guest presenter

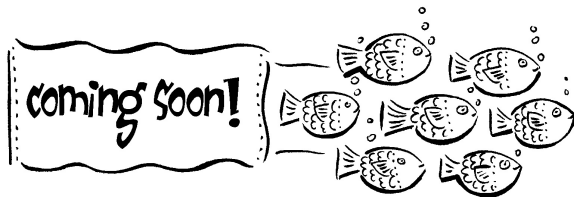
For a speaker of this caliber we need to show up and give her some good ole ND Hospitality. She will probably talk on Perseverance as she rolls out her new study this early Summer. More details will be coming but be sure to talk it up big we need numbers to support this retreat. We especially want this retreat to focus on the young women of our LWML and their friends.

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	\$14,000.00	\$21,000.00
Orphan Grain Train—ND Branch	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	-0-
Christ's Care for Children: Kenya	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	-0-
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 (partialfunded)	\$625.00	-0-	\$625.00
Immanuel Lutheran Church Child Care Center (partialfunded)	\$625.00	-0-	\$625.00
Totals	\$76,750.00	\$29,000.00	\$47,750.00



We're on the Web!
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DISTRICT DATES

LWML ND District BOD meeting:

March 2, 2019—Carrington

LWML Convention: June 20-23, 2019—Mobile AL

LWML ND District Retreat: September 20-22, 2019

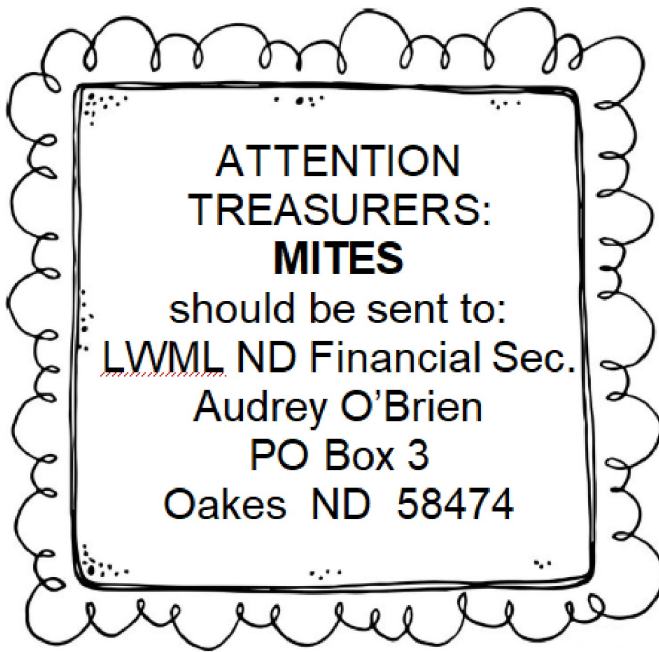
Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads

Speaker: Donna Pyle

LWML ND District Convention: June 26-28, 2020

Delta Hotel, Fargo ND

The LWML North Dakota District is now on Facebook! Click the "Like" button at the top of the page to become a fan, stay current on news and upcoming events, and share Christian fellowship right from your desk. (www.facebook.com/ND.LWML)



Has your unit or zone done something fun lately? Have you hosted a hands on activity? Do you have a regularly scheduled get-together, other than your "normal" LWML meeting? We are looking for your stories . . . and especially your pictures!! There are many women out there who would love to glean some of your brilliant ideas, resources, etc! Send an information that could be included in "The Messenger" to communication@lwml.org. The deadline to submit information for the next newsletter is March 1, 2019.

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March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Lutheran Women's Missionary League</i>					1 Peanut Butter Lover's Day today. If you are one add to your mite box.	2 Pray for the sisters in Christ at Our Savior – Bottineau.
3 Praise God for those who work with the Orphan Grain Train.	4 Hug a GI Day and say Thanks!	5 Pray for members at Shepherd of the Valley – Bismarck.	 6 Ash Wednesday	7 Pray for the faithful sisters in Bethel - Bismarck.	8 Add a coin for each car /or pickup you own.	9 Pray for our Christian Life VP – Betty Marschner.
10 Set clocks ahead so you don't miss Church Daylight Savings Begins	11 Johnny Appleseed Day Thank God for the apples we can enjoy.	12 Thank God for your washing machine. Add a coin if you used it.	13 Lent Worship – thank Jesus for His sacrifice.	14 Pray for the members at St. Paul – St Thomas	15 Real or false – thank God for your teeth!	16 National Quilting Day If you quilt add a coin to your mite box.
 17	18 Pray for the Sisters in Christ at Holy Cross – Bismarck.	19 National Chocolate-Carmel Day! Enjoy some and add a coin!	20 First Day of Spring! If you hear a bird sing today Thank God	21 Pray for Mite Project: Martin Luther School.	22 World Water Day Thank God for the water we enjoy daily.	23 Pray for the Southeast Zone President – Joan Beyer Add a coin to your mite box.
24 Sing loud Praises for Jesus today.	25 Pray for members at Immanuel – Lidgerwood.	26 Purple Day! Wear purple of course!! If not – Add 2 coins.	27 Lent Worship - Read your favorite Bible passage today out loud.	28 Pray for the members of Immanuel – Wahpeton	29 Instead of pointing fingers, give others a hand.	30 Pray for each family member by name.
31 Pray for members at Zion – Bismarck.	<div> <div>Your Mite Calendar</div> <div>Post it on your fridge and use it daily!</div> </div>					