

# Lutheran Women's Missionary League North Dakota District

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

APRIL–MAY–JUNE 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 opened February 1, housing opened January 2. Information and registration is available on the website: [lwml.org](http://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



**"IN PRAISE TO THE LORD"**  
*Sing to the Lord, all the earth!*  
*Tell of His salvation from day to day.*  
*Declare His glory among the nations*  
 1 Chronicles 16:23-24a

This is the theme for the LWML Convention coming up on June 20-23, 2019 in Mobile, Alabama. I feel that it is such a beautiful thing to worship and praise our wonderful God. Inspired by Sharla Fritz, CPH published author and a musician; I am focusing on intentionally taking time to worship God for at least 5 to 10 minutes everyday. Also inspired by Sharla, I am using the Psalms to do my praising and worshiping of Him. The Psalms are so beautiful and expressive in their praise, worship and in calling on God for help in times of trouble.

Worshiping our God is such an important part of the Christian's life. Coming together to worship Him on Sunday, I believe, is crucial. I sit in church on Sunday morning and I can feel God's Word and His comfort and peace just wash over me and soothe me. The trick is to keep that feeling going for the week ahead. Establishing that five or ten minutes everyday to spend time with God worshiping and praising Him is the way I am trying to keep that comfort and peace in the forefront of my life throughout the week. And, of course, using prayer; just talking with Jesus. He knows you. Take the time to really get to know Him better through prayer and His Word.

"Great is the Lord" is the theme for the LWML ND District Convention taking place on June 26-28, 2020 at the Delta Hotel by Marriott in Fargo. It is based on Psalm 145:3: *Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.* Psalm 145 is another marvelous

psalm of worship and praise to our God and Lord. Plan to read this beautiful Psalm during your devotion time. Mark your calendars now to attend the LWML ND District Convention June 26-28, 2020 at the Delta Hotel by Marriott in Fargo. The keynote speaker will be Jan Struck, mission speaker Rev. Dr. Robert Roegner, and song leader and Saturday night entertainment Wendysue Fluege, plus choosing a new mission goal and mission grants.

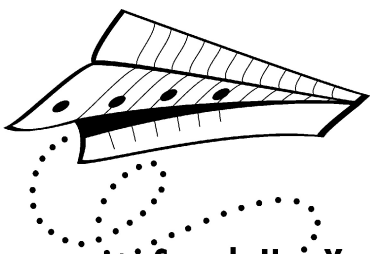
Remember everything we do is "In Praise to the Lord!"

O worship the King, all glorious above.  
 O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;  
 Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
 Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,  
 While angels delight to hymn Thee above,  
 Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
 With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

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President Valerie



Send Us Your  
**STORIES**

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](mailto:communication@lwml.org).

The deadline to submit information for the next newsletter is:  
 June 1, 2019

## *VP of Christian Life ~ Betty Marschner*



Thinking ahead:

When: September 20-22, 2019

Where: Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, St John ND

What: LWML ND District Annual Retreat

Who: Nationally renowned speaker and author founder of Artesian Ministries, Donna Pyle

Please come for a weekend of rest, reflection and renewal.

Rest in God's abiding grace as we study His Word pondering the theme *Perseverance* (based on the book of Nehemiah) Donna's new Bible study, reflect on God's goodness as you ponder God's beauty in the beautiful Turtle Mountains as we see the sun reflecting off the golden fall coloring. Renew old friendships, renew your love for the Word of God that largely gets lost in today's rapidly changing technology and social media frenzy. Put your cell phone away and come expecting to hear what God has for you and bring friends, relatives and anyone you feel could use a retreat experience.

Not a happy camper?

We have you covered. . .

We will have day and weekend rates. If you would desire to just come for a day, drive in Saturday and spend the day. We will try to have the bulk of activities wrapped up late afternoon for those desiring to be home at a reasonable hour.

For those coming a distance there are many different options for you if you wish to have the comfort of a hotel room:

Rugby, south and west of the camp on Highway 2 approximately 35-40 min drive, has:

### **Northern Lights Inn**

Offering free breakfast, WiFi, nice indoor pool  
Phone Number: 701-776-5776

### **Cobblestone Inn**

Free Breakfast, WiFi  
Phone Number: 701-881-3000

### **Oakwood Inn & Campground**

Free continental breakfast  
Phone Number: 701-776-5272

Bottineau, approximately 35 mins west of the camp on highway 5, has:

### **Cobblestone Inn**

Free breakfast, microwave and fridge every room, free WiFi and convenience store on site  
Phone Number: 701-534-2121

### **Super Eight**

Free breakfast, free WiFi  
Phone Number: 701-228-2125

### **Turtle Mountain Inn**

Restaurant on site  
Phone Number: 701-228-2296

Camp accommodations have bedding included.

Please mark this date and come enjoy a day or weekend of retreat. You won't regret it. Time spent in His Word is never wasted time. Watch for more information and a registration form.

ATTENTION TREASURERS:

### **MITES**

should be sent to:

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Upon returning the Ark of the Covenant to the Tabernacle, David was overjoyed. They offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar. David blessed all the people with the name of the Lord—likely the same benediction we receive from Numbers 6. He fed them with a celebratory meal of a loaf of bread, meat, and a cake of raisins (seriously, check it out 1 Chronicles 16:3). He appointed a song of praise to be sung by Asaph and his brothers (musicians specifically dedicated to the temple). They actually wrote a number of Psalms. The song, 1 Chronicles 16:8-36a, rivals the beautiful 15 stanza-long hymns in our wonderful hymnal. Imagine the great joy of returning the Ark of the Covenant to its proper place in the midst of Jerusalem — the very place, which the one, true God said He would be present for His people.

It's in the middle of this great song that we get our theme verse for the upcoming convention in Mobile: "Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations." From June 20-23, we will gather together around this verse and sing praises to the Lord. We'll vote on how best to utilize the gifts of personnel, time, and mites in the coming biennium to accomplish the very same purpose of David's song: to declare the glory of the Lord among the nations.

It isn't always easy to praise the Lord. Across the nation, especially across our district this past winter has been a challenge. The Lord only knows the other trials and hardships we have encountered personally and together as the Church. Nevertheless, it's in the midst of this suffering and hardship that we still find true joy in the promised salvation of our God, especially as David and the rest of Israel did. We rejoice in knowing that God is here among us in His Word preached, the Gospel purely taught, and His Sacraments rightly administered. This gives us every reason to sing praises to the Lord and give thanks. See you in Mobile!

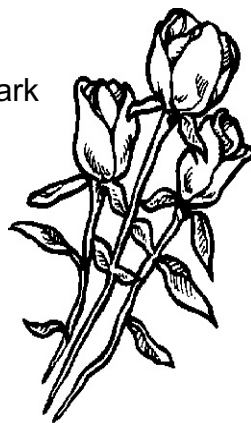
In Christ,  
Rev. Aaron Hambleton

*Jr. Counselor ~  
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Aaron  
Hambleton*



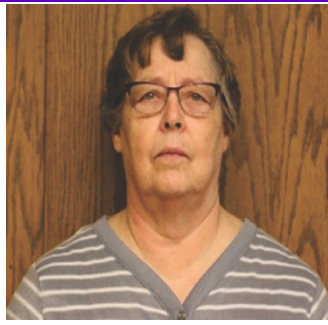
## *Memorials and Honorariums: March 2018 through December 2018*

<i>M e m o r i a l s</i>	Sam Arndt	Elaine Kroeger	<i>H o n o r a r i u m s</i>	Bonnie Krenz
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	Rev. Charles Johnson	Aunt		
	Anna Konkler	Mother's friend		



We give thanks and praise for all these wonderful children of God who have or are joyfully serving our Lord and we give thanks to those who remembered them through their donation to the LWML. What a truly awesome way to spread the Good News of salvation through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*VP of Mission  
Grants ~  
Bonnie Krenz*



The Mission Grant Committee needs your help! The grant committee is comprised of ND District LCMS President Rev. Arie D. Bertsch, District Business Manager and LCEF – ND District Vice President Mrs. Tami Ulland, ND District LWML President Valerie Biberdorf, LWML member Nikki Rahlf and Mission Grant VP Bonnie. There is a need for grant proposals for this committee to review and place on the 2020 convention ballot for your approval.

However, there is only one way the committee has grant proposal to review and that it is if you submit the proposal form.

Grants can be written for any mission need in your church, community, the ND District or mission field worldwide. The grants can be for new needs or for needs that have been funded in the past but still continue to serve a mission outreach need.

Don't have an idea for a mission need?

- Those who attend the National Convention in Mobile may bring home mission needs. If you can visit with an attendee and work with her to write a proposal.
- Have you heard a mission speaker at your church, an LWML unit meeting, zone rally, or at the last district convention? Contact the speaker to determine if there is a monetary need to help that mission outreach program grow.
- Visit with your pastor who may have an idea for a mission need.
- Do you know a student attending one of the synodical colleges or seminaries? Contact the school to see if there is a need the District can help fund. Remember that the LWML already helps with scholarships through the District Scholarship Program but there may be other areas that we could help with.
- Contact LCMS for national and worldwide mission needs. National LWML posts a list of mission projects that were not approved at the 2017 convention on the national website. Follow this URL for the list: <http://www.lwml.org/grants-bank>. The site provides a contact person who can assist with the information needed to fill out the mission grant form.

The ND District Mission Grant form can be found on the District web site. The form is under the Mission Grant tab. If you need a printed form, please contact me and I will mail you a form.

♥ ♥ **The grant requests are due by September 30, 2019.** ♥ ♥

MISSION GRANT	AMOUNT BUDGETED	AMOUNT PAID	BALANCE
ND District Full-Time Church Worker Scholarships	\$35,000.00	\$21,000.00	<b>\$14,000.00</b>
Orphan Grain Train—ND Branch	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	<b>-0-</b>
Christ's Care for Children: Kenya	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	<b>-0-</b>
Mercy Meals through Orphan Grain Train	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	<b>-0-</b>
Operation Barnabas	\$3,000.00	-0-	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
St. Andrews Mission Society Bus Project	\$2,500.00	-0-	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
Main Street Living	\$10,000.00	-0-	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch	\$5,000.00	-0-	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
Martin Luther School Scholarship Fund (partial funded)	\$625.00	-0-	<b>\$625.00</b>
Immanuel Lutheran Church Child Care Center (partial funded)	\$625.00	-0-	<b>\$625.00</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$76,750.00</b>	<b>\$41,000.00</b>	<b>\$35,750.00</b>

## 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!



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 five 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.



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We're on the Web!  
[ndlwm.org](http://ndlwm.org)

# DISTRICT DATES

**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 BOD Meetings:**

November 2, 2019—Grace, Carrington

March 2020—Immanuel, Fargo

**LWML ND District Convention:** June 26-28, 2020  
Delta Hotel, Fargo

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# June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <b>Flip a Coin Day</b> Flip several coins into your mite box.
2 Celebrate the Lord's Day.	3 Remember Grace Carrington in your prayers today.	4 <b>Operation Barnabas the Mission Grant of the month</b>	5 Remember St. Peter, Devils Lake in your prayers today	6 <b>D-Day</b> Add coins to your mite box for our freedoms.	7 <b>Pray for Ruth Walsh</b> Communication VP and her work today.	8 Add coins to your mite box for the good ND LWML newsletter <i>The Messenger</i> ..
9 Celebrate the Lord's Day.	10 Remember Our Savior Cavalier in your prayers today.	11 <b>Mission Grant applications are due September 30, 2019</b>	12 Remember Redeemer, Lisbon in your prayers today	13 <b>Sewing Machine Day</b> Add coins to your mite box to honor all quilters.	14  <b>Flag Day</b>	15 Remember St. Andrew, West Fargo in your prayers today
16 On this Father's Day, thank God for this special person in your life.	17 Remember Grace Cooperstown in your prayers today.	18 If you aren't attending the National Convention add coins to mites.	19 Pray for those traveling to the National LWML Convention.	20 Pray for the National LWML Convention.	21 On the longest day of the year, give the Lord some extra time.	22 Add several extra coins to help fund the new National Mission Grant projects.
23 Celebrate the Lord's Day	24 Remember St. John Crystal in your prayers today.	25 Know a need. Can a Mission Grant help? Ask for help to write the grant	26 <b>Forgiveness Day</b> Thank God for His plan of providing us with forgiveness	27 <b>Sunglass Day</b> Thank God for your sight and add coins to mites.	28 Remember St. Peter, Sawyer in your prayers today.	29 <b>Camera Day</b> Add coins to mites if you have photos displayed.
	30 Celebrate the Lord's Day					

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**Operation Barnabas**  
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