

# 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.

OCTOBER–NOVEMBER–DECEMBER 2019

“Serve the Lord with gladness.” Psalm 100:2

**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 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.*

- Keynote Speaker: Jan Struck is a Christian humorist who has served as the humorous interrupter at many LWML events. She was at the LWML convention in Mobile earlier this summer.
- 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
- 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**

o praise our Lord with Gladness!



# LWML ND DISTRICT PRESIDENT



## "What is Enough?"

This last summer I participated in an online Bible study led by Sharla Fritz based on her book *Enough for Now*. Sharla is a Christian author, speaker, musician and retreat leader. Her book is published by Concordia Publishing House. I heartily recommend her book to you.

So my question to you is "what is enough?" Do you have enough money, food, clothes to meet your needs? What about your wants? Our wants or desires are where this Bible study written by Sharla has its focus. As my husband and I get nearer to retirement, we look around our house and say, "Do we really want to move all this stuff; do we need all this stuff when we retire and supposedly downsize?" My husband and I have lived in Carrington now for 18 years. That is

way longer than I have ever lived in one place before. So what happens when you live in the same place a long time? You collect stuff. Do we need all this stuff? Not really. But you can get so comfortable just having this stuff sitting around.

A definition of enough is "occurring in such quantity, quality, or scope as to fully satisfy demands or needs". Is this your definition? But, more importantly, what does God say about having enough? Does your definition line up with His?

This is where Sharla's book comes in. She takes her reader on a journey to find out God's answer to the question of enough. She shows how our desires for more stuff can drive us to God rather than to more money, more stuff, more activity. God desires for us to find our "enough" in Him rather than in the transient things of this life. Luke 12:34 says *For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also*. Where is your treasure? I pray that it is in Jesus who gave Himself up for you on the cross of Calvary. We will soon be heading into the part of the church year that concentrates on the life of Jesus beginning with His birth in Bethlehem and leading to His death, resurrection and ascension. Jesus is our "enough". He is our treasure!

As we turn the corner into the new year of 2020, please make plans now to celebrate the treasure we have in Jesus at the LWML ND District convention which will be on June 26-28 in Fargo. There will be more information coming soon in the Call to Convention Messenger in January. The theme is "Great is the Lord" based on Psalm 145:1-3 which reads: *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.*

A blessed Christmas season to you all.

Celebrate our Lord who is great, who is our treasure and is more than enough for all who believe in His Son, Jesus!

Hence, all fear and sadness!

For the Lord of gladness,

Jesus enters in.

Those who love the Father,

Though the storms may gather,

Still have peace within.

Yea, whate'er I here must bear,

Thou art still my purest pleasure,

Jesus, priceless treasure!

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President Valerie

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## Faith Comes by Hearing

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved," (Romans 8:9). This has led many to say of their neighbors, friends, and family, who no longer attend Church services, "They believe in God." In fact, someone has said to me, "Pastor, I don't have to go to Church to be saved. Faith is a matter of the heart." This is very well true. Paul continued, "with the heart one believes and is justified." But the faith isn't only a matter of the heart. Paul also said, "with the mouth one confesses and is saved."

Faith is a matter of both the heart and the mouth. After all, Paul told us, "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." But then he asked the pertinent questions. "How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed?" Obviously, you can't and won't call on help that you either don't believe exists or don't believe will be of any help.

"And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?" If you've never heard of Jesus, you can't believe in Him to call on Him. "And how are they to hear without someone preaching?"

Jesus was born in our flesh. He bore our sins as He died on the cross. Three days later, He was raised from the dead. Forty days later, He ascended into heaven and even now is seated at the right hand of

## Jr. Counselor ~ Pastor Aaron Hambleton



the throne of God. Now, in these days, He speaks through the men, whom He sends. Here's the point: inspired by the Holy Spirit, Paul told us that we believe in God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—because we have heard the truth from the preachers sent by Him.

"Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ," (Romans 10:17). If you have never heard the Word of God, you cannot have faith. Get yourself to where you can hear your pastor read the Word and preach it. If you can't, call your pastor and have him come to you. Encourage and invite your family, friends, and neighbors to hear this same Word of God, which instills faith, so that they too may hear, believe, confess, and be saved.

In Christ,  
Rev. Aaron Hambleton

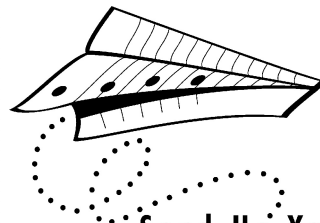
In recognition of the birth of Rev. Aaron and Katie Hambleton's son, Josiah David, we held a diaper drive for our community. Members of our congregation were given the opportunity to participate by donating diapers and wipes. We set up 2 pack-n-plays in the narthex. One was designated for community donations and the other was for the Hambleton family. A total of 12 packages (637 diapers) and 2 packages of wipes were taken to Ransom County Public Health to be distributed to those in need.

We wanted to share this idea. Build on it or adapt it to your needs.

*But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.*

1 John 3 17:18

All thanks and praise be to God!  
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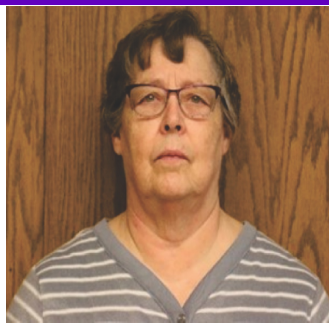
Has your unit or zone done something fun lately? Have you hosted a hands on activity? Do you have a regularly

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 any information that could be included in "The Messenger" to [communication@ndlwml.org](mailto:communication@ndlwml.org).

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



*VP of Mission  
Grants ~  
Bonnie Krenz*



*Thanks  
Many Thanks  
Thanks  
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Thanks*

Thank you is the theme for my article this quarter. My first thank you is for all the mites that have been given this biennium. The following grants still need to be paid:

- \$14,000 for the Full-time Church Workers Scholarship fund
- \$2,500 for the St. Andrew's Mission Society Bus Project. This project is on hold until the Society can decide the future of the bus.
- \$7,000 for Main Street Living,
- \$5,000 for Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch
- \$625 for Martin Luther School Scholarship Fund
- \$625 for Immanuel Lutheran Church Child Care Center

The mission grants need to be paid by April 30, 2020 according to the ND LWML District standing rules.

Please continue your prayers for the mission projects. The next thank you is to all who submitted mission grant applications. Now I am asking for your prayers as the Mission Grant Committee reviews the submissions and selects those to present to the District Board at the November BOD meeting. Another thank you is to each of you that made it possible for me to attend the National Convention in Mobile in June. As with most conventions, there were mission speakers, wonderful Bible studies, information about mission projects, and special evening entertainment. My final thank you is to the Lord who has been by my side and my guide as I have moved through my term as Vice President of Mission Grant. I am excited to complete my term this June.

MISSION GRANT	AMOUNT BUDGETED	AMOUNT PAID	BALANCE
ND District Full-Time Church Worker Scholarships	\$35,000.00	\$28,000.00	<b>\$7,000.00</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	\$3,000.00	<b>-0-</b>
St. Andrews Mission Society Bus Project	\$2,500.00	-0-	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
Main Street Living	\$10,000.00	\$3,000.00	<b>\$7,000.00</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>\$54,000.00</b>	<b>\$22,750.00</b>

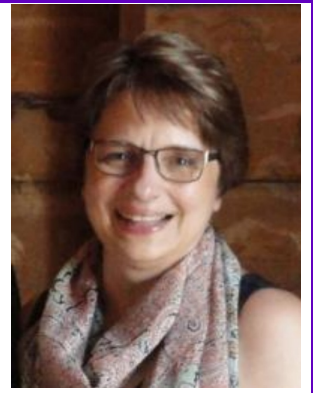


Do you remember who first introduced you to LWML?

After 30 plus years I still remember and am forever grateful to Anita Petersen for convincing me to go with her to a Minnesota North District LWML convention at one of the district's youth camps. One of the highlights of the convention was to meet and hear Alma Kern speak.

Another mentor to many of us was Marlene Brandenburg. I had the privilege of knowing Marlene for most of my life as she was a member of my home congregation in Edgeley. Recently I had the honor of making a small quilt from some of Marlene's LWML clothing and presented it to her husband, Don Brandenburg. He can now wrap himself in the comfort of purple and remember the many memories he shared with Marlene at many of the LWML functions. It is not just a coincidence that these special women entered our lives at just the right moment, it was all

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Care ~  
Sue Hartley~  
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part of God's wondrous plan for each of us. And whether we've been a part of LWML for most of our lives or just a few years, we can be a mentor to other women in our congregations. It is as simple as an invitation to a monthly Bible study, a weekly service project, or the district convention next year. I encourage you to look for those opportunities to walk with another woman on the LWML journey.



Please continue to keep your Nominating Committee in prayer for guidance as they seek candidates for President, Treasurer, VP of Human Care, VP of Communication, VP of Mission Grants, and Jr. Counselor, as well as potential nominees as they contemplate service to God and the LWML ND.



*Lord God Almighty, even as You bless Your servants with various and unique gifts of the Holy Spirit, continue to grant us the grace and willingness to use them always to your honor and glory. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Members of this committee include Shirley Hall, Phyllis Lentz, Carmen McBride, Brenda Preuss, Kay Kreklau, and Chairman Paulette Huber.



## LWML ND Retreat

About 70 women plus a few husbands and children, gathered at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads on September 20-22 to retreat from the hustle and bustle and to dig into the Word led by writer and speaker Donna Pyle. "Perseverance" was the theme based on Donna's new Bible study book which looks at the book of Nehemiah.

There was time for singing led by Paulette Huber, and time to visit the LWML store for shopping. LCMS North Dakota District president Arie Bertsch and his wife Doris attended on Saturday morning. Dr. Becky Grossmann, Lutheran Bible Translators, told attendees about the ways that the LWML has helped to share the Word of God to the people in Liberia, Africa.

God's beautiful fall colors were showing in the trees around Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, there was plenty of opportunity to take in the beautiful views and visit with friends and acquaintances.

The ladies of the LWML ND District were also able to participate in the dedication of the new playground at Shepherd's Hill. This playground is the fulfillment of a Mission Grant selected at the 2014 District Convention.

Worship on Sunday was led by Pastor Jon Bonine, the director of Shepherd's Hill. Thanks go to Christian Life VP Betty Marschner and her committee, MaryAnn Anderson and Kim Kuhlman, for planning this wonderfully inspiring weekend.

Visit [NDLWML.org/Retreat](http://NDLWML.org/Retreat) for more information and pictures.



### *Memorials and Honorariums: January 2019 - August 2019*



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Laura Helmuth  
(100th Birthday)  
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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.





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# DISTRICT DATES

## 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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# November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> All Saints Day Thank God for all the saints He has provide to encourage our faith.	<b>2</b> Book Lovers Day. Read today.
<b>3</b> Daylight Savings Ends Thank God for the time to worship.	<b>4</b> National Candy Day. If you had some candy add a coin to your mites box.	<b>5</b> Pray for our sister at Holy Cross Lidgerwood	<b>6</b> Pray for strength for your pastor as he serves you.	<b>7</b> Prayer for our sisters at St. John, Hillsboro	<b>8</b> Young Readers Day. Read to the special young person in your life.	<b>9</b> As the BOD meets today remember them in your prayers.
<b>10</b> Martin Luther's Birthday. Thank you God for giving Luther courage.	<b>11</b> Veterans Day Add a special mite to say thank you to all Veterans	<b>12</b> Pray for our sisters at Trinity, Hope.	<b>13</b> National Kindness Day Share a special kindness with a family member	<b>14</b> National Teddy Bear Day. Add a coin to mites for each LWML bear you own.	<b>15</b> Pray for our sisters at Concordia Jamestown.	<b>16</b> National Button Day. Add a coin to mites for each button on your clothes today
<b>17</b> Thank you God for providing a church to worship with my fellow Christians	<b>18</b> Pray for our sisters at Redeemer, Langdon	<b>19</b> National Toilet Day Thank God for our indoor plumbing luxury.	<b>20</b> Pray for all who are preparing for full time ministry.	<b>21</b> Pray for Mission Grant: Main Street Living	<b>22</b> Go for a Ride Day If you traveled by car today add a coin to your mite box.	<b>23</b> Pray for our sisters at Trinity, LaMoure
<b>24</b> Thank you God for this day to spend extra time in your word.	<b>25</b> Pray for Mission Grant: St Andrew's Mission Society.	<b>26</b> National Cake Day If you had dessert today add a coin to your mite box.	<b>27</b> Pray for Mission Grant: Dakota Boys and Girls.	<b>28</b> Thanksgiving Day Tell the Lord what you are especially thankful for.	<b>29</b> Black Friday. Add all your change from shopping today to your mite box.	<b>30</b> Pray for Mission Grant: Orphan Grain train.

## North Dakota District

## Lutheran Women's Missionary League