

Lutheran Women's Missionary League North Dakota District

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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.

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

“Great Is the Lord!”

LWML ND DISTRICT CONVENTION

June 26–28, 2020

Delta Hotels by Marriott Fargo
1635 42nd St SW, Fargo, ND 58103



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 in this newsletter and the nominated officers in the next newsletter both of which will be voted on at convention!

LWML ND DISTRICT MISSION GRANT 2018–2020 BIENNIUM	AMOUNT BUDGETED	AMOUNT PAID	BALANCE
ND District Full-Time Church Worker Scholarships	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	-0-
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	\$5,000.00	-0-
Operation Barnabas	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	-0-
St. Andrews Mission Society Bus Project	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	-0-
Main Street Living	\$10,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$3,000.00
Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
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	\$70,000.00	\$6,750.00

LWML ND DISTRICT PRESIDENT



“GREAT IS THE LORD!”

Blessed Epiphany to you all! Epiphany is celebrated on the 6th day of January (which is the 12th day of Christmas). Epiphany marks the time that the Wise Men or Magi came to visit the Baby Jesus. The Magi were not Jews but Gentiles. Jesus came for all people both Jew and Gentile.

Epiphany is a season of light. The word “Epiphany” means “shining forth”. The season shines a light on who this Jesus, born in Bethlehem, truly is – true God and true Man. The readings during this time show Jesus being baptized, His first miracle at Cana and conclude with the Transfiguration. The season of Epiphany ends and the Lenten season begins.

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. Psalm 145:1-3

This is the theme verse for our upcoming LWML ND District convention. Our theme is “Great is the Lord”. And yes, he is! I pray that you will be able to come to the convention and celebrate how great our God is! The date is June 26-28, 2020. The place is the Delta Hotel in Fargo. Elsewhere in this Call to Convention Messenger is the registration form. Please prayerfully consider attending; you will be blessed!

We will have awesome speakers: Jan Struck is our keynote speaker. She has served as humorous interrupter at many LWML events but she will be speaking to us as herself and sharing her journey. Rev. Dr. Robert Roegner is our mission speaker. He will share with us about his work with Apple of His Eye Ministries as they strive to bring the Gospel to the Jews in Israel. Wendysue Fluegge will be our song leader and also the entertainment for Saturday night.

In addition our Bible studies will be led by our senior pastoral counselor Rev. Dave Suelzle; mission grants will be selected by the delegates for the 2020-2022 biennium; new officers will be selected also by the delegates for the upcoming biennium. Each unit in the ND district can send two delegates to the convention. Please be sure and take advantage of this opportunity to have voice and vote at the convention. There is a form in the Call to Convention section of this newsletter which must be returned to Recording Secretary Louise Tegtmeier 30 days prior to the convention with your delegates’ contact information.

I encourage you to take advantage of this uplifting blessing coming your way in the form of the LWML ND District convention this June 26-28 in Fargo. I am praying that I will see all of you there!

Again, blessed Epiphany to you all! See you in June!

*Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,
Present in Thy holy Word –
Grace to imitate Thee now
And be pure, as pure art Thou;
That we might become like Thee
At Thy great epiphany
And may praise Thee, ever blest,
God in man made manifest.*

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President Valerie

ATTENTION TREASURERS:
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should be sent to LWML ND Financial Secretary
Audrey O’Brien — PO Box 3, Oakes ND 58474

“Count Your Blessings!”

If posed with the question, “Have you counted your blessings lately?” what would you think about? The wonderful, good and positive things that have happened to you? That would be the natural response. Who is happy when tragedies, loss, problems and a host of other bad things have happened to them, let alone give thanks in the midst of them? A blessing is usually thought of as something good in life.

God is constantly blessing you everyday in many ways. Yet, we can get so involved in the everyday activities of our lives or so focused on the things that are wrong with us that we fail to recognize those blessings that are right in front of our noses. Why is this? Because our sinful human natures demand God to provide His blessings on our own terms.

In one of Jesus’ appearances to His disciples after His resurrection from the dead He found them back at their old jobs of fishing. They had been fishing all night and had caught nothing. While standing on the shore He told them to cast their net on the right side of the boat and they would find some fish. Sure enough, they caught a huge number of fish. They *hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them* (cf. John 21:1-11). It was a miracle! What a blessing!

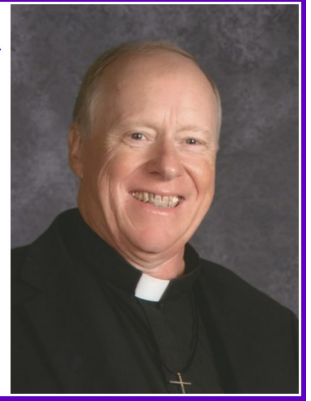
The disciples did a curious thing. They must have stopped to count their blessings. How else would they have known there was 153 large fish? In the midst of such a miracle the Holy Spirit inspired John to record the simplicity of recognizing the blessings which Jesus provided by stopping to count them.

But what about the difficulty we experience when trying to “count our blessings” in the midst of struggles, pain, trials, tragedies, suffering and a host of other unfavorable circumstances? This appears to be more challenging. Yet, these too are filled with the blessings of God when we look at His working in our lives by faith in the Person & Work of Jesus Christ.

In his second letter to the Corinthians the apostle Paul “counted his blessings” connected with serving Christ, even though it didn’t appear like they were worth “counting.” He mentioned being whipped five times by the Jews; beaten three times with rods; stoned once; shipwrecked three times; spending a night and a day in the open sea; in constant danger on all sides; going without sleep; experiencing hunger and thirst and going without food; being cold and naked and so forth (cf. 2 Corinthians 11:23-28). Wow! What a list of blessings! He even referred to these as *light momentary affliction*? (cf. 2 Corinthians 4:17)

Blessings in every circumstance can only be seen through faith in Jesus. This is why Paul

Sr. Counselor ~ Pastor David Suelzle



could say in 2 Corinthians 12:9 → *For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.* Why? Because in the midst of weakness Christ’s power is manifested. Without Jesus we cannot see a blessing for what it really is **as God gives it**. Thus, to “count your blessings” properly you need a relationship with Jesus Christ which trusts in Him alone for forgiveness, salvation and strength in daily living.

In the midst of all the activities, stuff and relationships which require so much of our time, energy and strength we can count our blessings, thankful for God’s providence in our daily lives. More importantly we can count our blessings in every circumstance because we know God’s will for us in Christ Jesus (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

— Pastor Dave Suelzle, Senior Counselor

Be joyful always.
Pray continually.
Give thanks in all
circumstances.
for this is
God’s will
for you
in Christ
Jesus



1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Oh may we, who mercy need, Be like you in heart and deed, When with wrong our spirits bleed.	2 Old Stuff Day. If you have stuff you no longer needs consider donating it.	3 Caregiver Appreciation Day If you are a caregiver, thank you.	4 Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains Poured for the lifeblood From his sacred veins	5 Say a prayer for the National LWML President Debbie Larson.	6 World Day of Prayer Remember all the District Mission Grants in your prayers	7 District LWML Officers Say a prayer as they meet to prepare for convention.
8 May we in our guilt and shame Still Your love and mercy claim, Calling humbly on Your name.	9 Panic Day. Remember we never need to panic God is in our corner.	10 Middle Name Pride Day. Be proud of your middle name. Thank God for it.	11 Grace and life eternal, In that blood I find, Best be His compassion, Infinitely kind!	12 Popcorn Lover's Day. Enjoy your snacks and add to your mites.	13 May God provide you with a special blessing on this Friday the 13th.	14 Pray for Martin Luther School as they share God with their students
15 When we seem in vain to pray And our hope seems far away, In the darkness be our stay.	16 Main Street Living Pray for this ministry Main Street Living does.	17 St Patrick's Day If you wore green today add some green to your mite box.	18 Blest through endless ages, Be the precious stream Which from endless torment Did the world redeem!	19 Spring Begins God is good. View his handiwork as the colors change	20 Say a prayer for all National LWML Officers. Give an extra coin in their honor.	21 National Quilting Day Thank you to all who quilt
22 Jesus, all our ransom paid, All Your Father's will obeyed, By Your sufferings perfect made.	23 National Puppy Day. If you have a pet add a coin to your mite box.	24 Chocolate Cover Raisin Day. If you enjoyed chocolate today add extra coin to the mite box.	25 Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies; But the blood of Jesus for our pardon cries.	26 Pray for Immanuel Lutheran Church Child Care Center as they share God's love.	27 National Lemon Chiffon Cake Day. Visit a shut-in and bring a sweet to share.	28 Ruth Walsh Communication VP Pray for Ruth as she prepares The Messenger and the convention manual.
29 May Your life and death supply Grace to live and grace to die, Grace to reach the home on high.	30 Prayer for your own pastor. If your church has a pastor add coins to mite.	31 National Crayon Day. Color a picture with a child today.				

*North Dakota District
Lutheran Women's Missionary League*

Thank you for sharing your love
through your mites.



Official Call to Convention

Members of the LWML ND District, this is your official Call to Convention. "Great is the Lord"! And we have been called to share our God's greatness especially in the person of our Savior Jesus Christ. You are invited and encouraged to come to Fargo on June 26–28, 2020 as we rejoice with our sisters and brothers in Christ and celebrate the awesomeness of our God. You will be inspired and uplifted by worship, Bible study, special speakers and so much more!

Delegates to the convention will have voice and vote and be making decisions on mission grants and new officers for the 2020–2022 biennium.

You are cordially invited to come and be energized as Lutheran Women in Mission. Please join me and the women and men of the Eastern Zone who will welcome you to Fargo on June 26–28, 2020.

Great is the Lord!

Valerie Biberdorf, LWML ND District President



GALATIANS 5:13, NIV

Plan to Take Part in One of the Servant Events Planned for the District Convention

Here is a sneak peek at the Servant Events you can participate in at the upcoming District Convention. The Servant Events take place on Friday afternoon, beginning around 2 or 2:30 pm and take place either at the hotel or at a nearby LCMS church. Watch for more details on the ND LWML website as we get closer to convention time or the next edition of *The Messenger*.

Mercy Meals – this is always a favorite, helping to pack meals to be shipped overseas, providing nourishment to less fortunate communities.

Bethel Comfort Quilts – No sewing necessary, come and help coordinate colors, measure and cut fabric, and piece comfort quilts together. The quilts will be distributed to shut-ins and mourning family members in the Bismarck/Mandan area.

Counting/Packing Gifts from the Heart – Assistance is always appreciated in tallying items and packing for transportation to the local destinations.

GIFTS FROM THE HEART . . .

Although the LWML ND District Convention is still months off, now is the perfect time to start collecting items for our **ingatherings**. There is plenty of time to involve your entire congregation in gathering items for the three organizations below:

Next Step (works with women who are victims of human trafficking) *Purses with a Purpose*

Each purse contains: **(We are not collecting purses, just the items to place in them)**

- Small hairbrush
- TS Make-up wipes
- TS lotion
- Chapstick/lip balm
- Tampons/pads
- Travel size (TS) hairspray
- TS deodorant
- Single pack tissues
- Small manicure set
- Gum/mints

Grace Lutheran School – School supplies to help teachers serve their students:

- Earbuds/headphones
- Accordion file
- Large Box Tissues
- Glue Sticks
- Washable Markers – basic colors
- 24 ct colored pencil packs
- Gallon zipper bags
- USB Flashdrive
- Plastic Rest Mat
- Large Antibacterial Wipes

Women's Care Clinic – f/k/a First Choice Clinic, a non-profit Pregnancy Center helping families experiencing unplanned pregnancies:

- Amazon gift cards
- Walmart gift cards



REGISTRATION FORM

LWML North Dakota District 39th Biennial Convention
June 26~28, 2020 Delta Hotel by Marriot Fargo, 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 \$75 (Does not include meals!) check one	
Voting Delegate	
Voting Member of BOD	
Voting Past District President	

NON-VOTING REGISTRATION (Does not include meals!) check one		
Attending all 3 days of convention	\$75	
Attending Saturday ONLY	\$60	
YWR	\$55	
Clergy	\$60	
Guest/Spouse with paid member	\$60	
Convention Worker	\$40	

MEAL PACKAGE: \$55.00

- Lunch: Sandwich Buffet
- Dinner: Chicken Breast Dinner

EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION: \$25.00 per 8' skirted table (if you have not done so, you must also contact Effie Brendemuhl at 701-945-2308 (voice only) or Effieb1933@gmail.com for information)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Delegates ~ May 26th; All others ~ June 1st

Full Registration – Friday through Sunday, June 26-28, 2020	\$75.00	\$
Registration – Saturday, June 27 only	\$60.00	\$
Registration – Young Woman Representative (YWR)	\$55.00	\$
Registration – Clergy	\$60.00	\$
Registration – Guest/Spouse with paid member	\$60.00	\$
Registration – Convention Worker	\$40.00	\$
Registration - Exhibitor	\$25.00/table	\$
Meal Package (Saturday)	\$55.00	\$
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	Ck #	\$

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

Bonnie Kittleson, 1216 8th St N, Fargo, ND 58102

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., Grace Lutheran ☐
- Servant Events, Friday 2:30-4:00 p.m. ☐
- (Packing Mercy Meals; Sorting and Packing Ingathering Items)
- Delegate meeting, Friday 4:15-5:00 p.m., Grace Lutheran ☐
- Friday Supper, 5:00 p.m., Grace Lutheran (no cost) ☐ # attending _____

HOUSING INFORMATION: Delta Hotel by Marriott, 1635 42nd St S, Fargo ND 701-277-9000
Room rate: \$139.00 Be sure to mention "LWML Convention".

MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS 2020—2022

MG 2001 ~ \$35,000

ND Full-Time Church Worker Scholarship

The North Dakota Church Worker Scholarship is a program administered by the North Dakota District LCMS for youth and adults who desire to be educated and become full-time workers in God's kingdom in the LCMS. This scholarship helps defray the cost of higher education as it continues to escalate so as not to become a burden for those students. The students who will benefit from these scholarships are members (or were at the time of initial scholarship application) of North Dakota LCMS.

MG 2002 ~ \$8,000

Spiritual Care for Pastors ND District

Providing Spiritual and Emotional Care for our Pastors is a program administered through the North Dakota District LCMS to assist pastors and their families who are in need of specific spiritual and emotional care. Two programs used by the LCMS for offering this for pastors as "Doxology" and "Shepherd's Canyon." Both of these programs are committed to the emotional spiritual healing of clergy and other church works. The funds from grant will be used to help pastors in need of spiritual and emotional care attend one of these recommended programs.

MG 2003 ~\$7,500

Orphan Grain Train Jamestown, ND

The Orphan Grain Train (OGT) – ND Branch provides food, clothing, medical supplies and God's Word to those in need. OGT's ministry reaches out to help people who have suffered losses in floods, droughts, tornadoes, hurricanes, and fires in the United States. Additionally, they offer aid to the destitute people in Russia, Latvia, Liberia, China, Mexico, Kenya, and Nepal. The funds for this grant will be used to assist with expenses to make shipments and continue their work.

MG 2004 ~ \$5,000

Christ the Way Jamestown, ND

Christ the Way radio program has been on the air in North Dakota since 1929. The 15-minute program airs over KSJB 600 AM in Jamestown every Sunday and is heard by people in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, and Iowa. Christ the Way is directed by Pastor Tom Eckstein of Concordia Lutheran Church in Jamestown with the assistance of Philip Cherney, a member of Concordia. The messages are

provided by LCMS pastors of the North Dakota District. 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.

MG 2005 ~ \$5,000

Mercy Meals of North Dakota

Mercy Meals of North Dakota was established by the board of Orphan Grain Train Branch #9 in the Spring of 2015 as a method of obtaining and providing food for the support of their mission projects overseas. Based in Jamestown, Mercy Meals of North Dakota brings the mission opportunity to various North Dakota organizations and communities by setting up a packing event in any location where there are willing volunteers to help. The money from this grant will be used primarily 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 2020-2021 biennium. Some funds may also be used for equipment upgrade and replacement, and various office supply costs.

MG 2006 ~ \$2,500

Fort Wayne Food Bank

The Food and Clothing Co-op on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, plays a key role in helping students reduce the financial burden of seminarians and their families by providing access to food and clothing. The funds from this grant will be used to purchase perishable items for the food bank (e.g., eggs, cheese, milk, fruit juice, ground beef, fresh fruits and vegetables, etc.) as well as additional grocery and paper products.

MG 2008 ~ \$3,000

Lutheran Library for Central and South America

One of Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) newest areas of work is Spanish-speaking Central and South America. LHF began its Spanish translation work in 2008 with the *Bible with Small Catechism* that has become the standard Bible used in Spanish-speaking LCMS missions and partner church in 20 countries. The funds from this grant will help translate and publish books for a Lutheran library for Central and South America, giving LCMS missionaries and partner churches additional resources in Spanish-speaking countries.

MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS, Con't.**MG 2009 ~ \$5,000****Training Leaders to Boldly Declare Y'shua as Messiah IN ISRAEL**

The Apple of His Eye Mission Society (AOHE) was formed in 1996, following over twenty years of a synodically-supported Task Force on Jewish Evangelism. One of the unreached people groups that exists today is the Jewish people. Outside missionaries are not welcome in Israel. The only solution is to recruit and train Israeli citizens who confess Y'shua as Messiah to join in partnership with The Apple of His Eye for mission work there. Through straightforward, loving, direct Gospel proclamation on a personal level; and, by God's grace, hopefully will lead to the formation of Lutheran-framed Messianic congregations for Word and Sacrament ministries.

MG 2011 ~ \$7,500**Bringing Christ's Light to Those Living in Darkness**

The Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) is the only Lutheran ministry which intentionally serves people who are blind or visually impaired. LBW currently has two Ministry Production centers located in North Dakota District operated solely by dedicated volunteers. These centers have been able to continue to operate through ongoing funding from national donors of LBW, churches and organizations such as LEML. There is an immediate need for additional funds in order to meet the increasing demand for these materials. The funds from this grant will first be used to fund the North Dakota centers with remaining funds used to create new work centers in North Dakota if there is interest and then to offset expenses in national production and freight charges.

MG 2014 ~ \$5,000**Lutherans Engaged in Missions**

"Lutheran Engaged in Mission" is a non-profit group of mission minded people from the Bismarck-Mandan area LCMS churches. The goal is to take fifteen people to Mexico for mission work. The fee is nominal for participants at \$400. Half of the fee is used for travel and expenses and the other half for work projects at the chosen site. The group travels by their own van staying at churches along the way and while in Mexico. The mission trips include conducting VBS, doing manual labor to help with congregational needs, and providing for families in need with school kits, layette kits, clothing and shoes. The funds will be used for maintenance of the van and to provide scholarship for those

wishing to participate in a mission trip.

MG 2016 ~ \$5,000**Mision Maule Partnership in Chile ND District**

The ministry in the Mision Maule Region of Chile was adopted as an International Mission Opportunity during the 2015-2018 and 2018-2021 trienniums by the North Dakota District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. The Lutheran Confessional Church of Chile is comprised of small and non self-sufficient congregations. Congregational giving in the North Dakota District has been stagnant for 30 years. At the 2018 District convention, a resolution was adopted that required that the International Missions would only be paid if/when all other missions and expenses were met. The funds from this grant will be forwarded to LCMS Synod Mission to support the Mision Maule Region of Chile.

MG 2017 ~ \$5,000**Youth Ministry in the North Dakota District**

The mission of the North Dakota District Youth Ministry is "To foster lifelong Lutheranism among the youth of the North Dakota District in congregations, circuits, regions, district and synod through word and sacrament ministry." To this end, the Youth Ministry Task Force organizes three major District youth events each year. Every effort is made to make the events break even. It is very hard to plan a quality event a year in advance when the attendance is an unknown. There is a desire to keep the cost affordable for youth. Very seldom do the events break even. In order to present a balanced District budget, which is required in the District bylaws, the youth program budget was reduced significantly and there is a danger the events may not be able to take place. The grant funds will be paid to the North Dakota District and set aside to cover youth program costs.

MG 2018 ~ \$6,000**Martin Luther School Tuition Assistance****Martin Luther School Bismarck, ND**

Martin Luther School (MLS) is an LCMS-supported school serving families in the Bismarck-Mandan community offering kindergarten through grade 6 Christian education. MLS not only teaches those students who are currently involved in one of our LC-MS congregations, but to be a beacon of light to others in the community who may not have a church home or even a relationship with our Lord and Savior. It is their goal to provide any parent who wishes to have their child attend MLS be given the

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opportunity to do so through scholarships. The current tuition is \$5,500. The grant funds will be used to provide scholarships for those in need.

MG 2019 ~ \$5,000**Log Bunk Beds for Hawkeye Loft at Shepherd Hills St. Johns, ND**

Shepherd s Hill at the Crossroads provides Christ-centered faith and life enrichment through year-round outdoor ministry. At Shepherd s Hill at the Crossroads you will experience Christian hospitality and the perfect place to build relationships with God and those around us. The chapel, a large A-frame log building, is one of our main buildings. It houses a dining hall, game room and restrooms on the lower level. Our chapel, fireside room, and four motel-style guest rooms are on the main level. Two lofts, Hawkeye and Sparrow s Nest, sleep about 20 each on the upper level. The Hawkeye Loft is mainly mattresses on the floor. By purchasing log bunk beds the camp will be able to offer better sleeping arrangements. The funds will be used to purchase 5 log bunk beds with mattresses and bedding.

MG 2020 ~ \$5,085**LWML Global Bible Study by Donna Pyle**

Through WORDRus Mission Society's internet outreach the professional translation of the LWML Donna Pyle Bible Study Series will foster spiritual growth for laypeople in Lutheran churches and communities located throughout Eurasia that they learn sound biblical doctrine and Christ-centered insights for life. The goal of the grant is to translate the LWML Donna Pyle Bible Study Series into Norwegian. The funds will provide professional translations of the Bible Study Series, theological review of the translated studies, operational cost of language-specific creation, and training Lutheran laypeople to teach the studies. The ongoing internet fees will be provided by WORDRus Mission Society.

MG 2022 ~ \$1,000**PALS Wives Resource Project**

PALS is an acronym for Post-Seminary Applied Learning and Support, a collaborative effort of our Synod and districts that regularly bring together groups of recent graduates of our seminaries throughout their first three years of their ministries. In these meetings the new pastors, and their wives and children gather for worship, study and discuss new ministry experiences in the company of an

experienced pastor and pastor's wife. The LWML funds granted to PALS would be used to purchase books for the PALS Wives Facilitators to use with the pastor's wives during the time dedicated to study during a PALS meeting or retreat.

MG 2023 ~ \$3,000**Nursing Student Mercy Medical Team Scholarships**

LCMS Mercy Medical teams have provided desperately needed health care in underserved regions around the globe. This short-term volunteer program offers medical professionals, pastors, and hard-working laity the opportunity to volunteer abroad in a variety of clinical and health-related settings. In conjunction with local church partners, the needs of medical services within the community are identified thus determining possible sites for Mercy Medical Team sites. There are eight Concordia University campuses which offer nursing programs. Students who participate in the Mercy Medical Team discover that their vocational gifts can be used to serve God both in the United States and around the world. This experience provides a unique perspective on missionary life as an introduction to explore future missionary short term and long term opportunities. Many of the students do not have the funds necessary to participate in the program so the grant funds will provide scholarship for student participation.

MG 2024 ~ \$3,000**Worker Wellness for Chaplain Families**

There is a rising need of wellness training and support to our military chaplains and wives teaching them to care for themselves and their families so they can better care for those they serve. Each year Ministry to the Armed Forces (MFA) gathers chaplains at one of two pastoral training, retreat conferences providing a rich opportunity for Lutheran worship, fellowship and study with LCMS seminary professors focusing on the unique challenges of military chaplaincy. The Worker Wellness Retreat for Chaplain Families would provide a real break from the hectic and stressful ministry lifestyle and provide a time for renewed energy and joy in ministry. MFA wants to expand the existing program to include Chaplains' wives by providing airfare and a daily per diem in order to make attendance affordable.

MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS, Con't.**MG 2025 ~ \$1,365****Spanish Language Sunday School and Youth Catechesis Materials LCMS Mission to Spain**

Being able to purchase appropriate Lutheran, Spanish-language Sunday School and youth catechesis materials extends the mission and ministry of the Word by teaching the bible to the next generation of Lutherans in Spain. As these children grow older, the catechesis materials will be used to bring them into Communion fellowship. All members of the LCMS Mission to Spain and the national church, the Spanish Evangelical Lutheran Church, will benefit from children growing in their faith through solid Lutheran teaching. The body of Christ is multi-generational, as well these children will be the next generation of leading members and servants of the Spanish Evangelical Lutheran Church. The funds from this grant is to provide appropriate Lutheran, Spanish-language Sunday School materials and Youth Catechesis materials for the children and youth of the Spanish Evangelical Lutheran Church.

2020 LWML DISTRICT CONVENTION

Pick a month between now and June 2020
and have a **Missions in Motion**
challenge!

It is so easy and you can
involve your congregation too!

Simply challenge 30 families/individuals
(whatever number works for you)
**to give \$1 a day for 30 days —
a total gift of \$30**

Deposit the gift within an envelope marked
“Mission in Motion”
and drop it into your LWML unit's mite box!

(This is replacing the regular Missions in
Motion walk during the convention.)

WANTED: Leftover Fabric

Perhaps your unit already does quilting for local organizations or to include in Orphan Grain Train or Lutheran World Relief shipments, but don't know what to do with the smaller leftover scraps or backings. Bethel Lutheran Church in Bismarck has an outlet for that leftover fabric. A group of ladies have begun a Comfort Quilt Ministry, bringing a hug through a warm quilt to shut-ins, those in the hospital, and to grieving family members.

We are encouraging Zones to collect these leftover fabrics at their Spring Events in 2020. Then during one of the servant events at the District Convention in June you can see and participate in making those fabric leftovers into treasured comfort quilts.

For questions and delivery information please feel free to contact Sue Hartley-Wolfgram at [blessingspreserved@yahoo.com](mailto: blessingspreserved@yahoo.com).

**DISTRICT
DATES**

We're on the Web!
ndlwm.org

LWML ND District BOD Meeting:
March 7, 2020—Immanuel, Fargo
LWML ND District Convention:
June 26, 2020—Grace, Fargo
June 26-28, 2020—Delta Hotel, Fargo

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(www.facebook.com/ND.LWML)

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 emergency?

Name _____ Relationship _____

Phone (Day) _____ Phone (Night) _____

I am traveling / rooming with _____ at the convention.

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**: _____

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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.

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