

Upcoming Dates

- LWML National Convention in Lexington Kentucky, June 24–27, 2021
- LWML ND District Fall Retreat: Sept. 17–18, 2021

Zone Activities

- LWML ND District **Spring Zone Rallies:**
 - Eastern: April 17, 2021 @ Immanuel
 - NW: April 17, 2021 @ St. Paul – Rugby
 - SW: April 17, 2021 @ 9:30(CST) via Zoom

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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.

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National and District “Mighty Mites”



Praise the Lord for all that He has done! Your Mighty Mites have fulfilled our national biennium goals and accomplished much at district level. A 2019–2021 **LWML National Mission Grant**, KFUE Radio is an LCMS radio station sharing the Gospel. KFUE Radio station, owned and operated by the LCMS, was officially dedicated to the service of the Triune God in 1924 and is the longest continually operating Christian station in the United States. Listeners all over the world hear the message of love, hope, mercy, and salvation found only in Christ.

KFUE strives to stay connected with listeners of all ages in locations around the globe by using the latest cutting-edge platforms available. The platform called “OPAL,” allows them to have high-quality connections between hosts and guests in remote locations. Broadcast Bionics permits KFUE hosts to engage with listeners in live programing.

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ (Romans 10:17).

National LWML funds will make it possible for KFUE to continue purchasing and using the newest technology to make the Gospel message available to everyone, including children and young adults living in the digital generation. www.kfuo.org



A 2020–2022 **LWML ND District Mission Grant**, Orphan Grain Train (ND Branch) is based in Jamestown, ND. Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs. The Orphan Grain Train movement is a loving response to Jesus Christ.

Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me’ (Matthew 25:45).

We praise and thank the Lord for continued blessings on our Mighty Mite offerings. www.ogt.org

President's Message by LaurieAnn Totenhagen



Greetings in the name of our risen Lord and Savior!

As I write this we are nearing the end of our Lenten journey. During the season of Lent is the Annunciation of our Lord which is on March 25. This is the beginning of His humiliation when He took on human flesh and was finished when He suffered and died on the cross for us.



*Lamb
of
God*

He did not use His divine nature to take that cup away. He took on the sins of the world, OUR SINS, and nailed them to the cross. *For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.*

Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God (John 3:17-18).

Until we die and are called to our heavenly home or Christ's second coming we look to that cross for our HOPE. We, by faith, are His through the Holy Spirit. We are "Running the race...Looking to Jesus". This is our convention theme in Lexington June 24-27. The theme is base on Hebrews 12:1-2 which says,



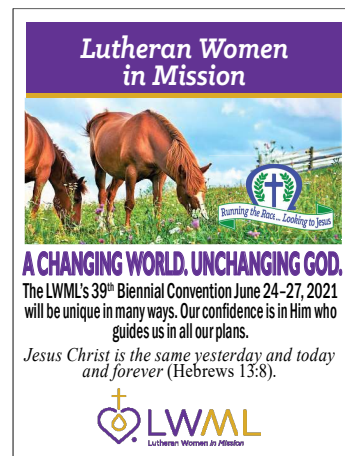
Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

I look forward to the LWML Convention in Lexington and seeing all my sisters (and brothers) in Christ as we hear God's saving Word in Bible Studies and of the Missions our Mighty Mites have funded. We praise God for the gifts that have allowed the 2019-2021 Mites goal to have been reached!

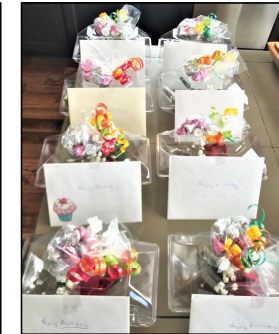
Happy Easter to all!

In Christ,

President LaurieAnn

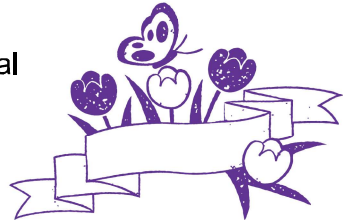


LWML Unit Happenings



Redeemer Dickinson LWML members, along with a local florist shop, prepared and delivered beautiful rose corsages decorated with ribbon, cards, and candy kisses to residents of St. Luke's Nursing Home in honor of the eight February birthdays!

Because of COVID restrictions and no usual birthday party service activity, Dickinson's group had to "think out of the box" in order to share the love and joy of Jesus in a special way!



Let us know about your unit's news — pictures and happenings — *as we joyfully serve the LORD with gladness* (Psalm 100:2).

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Thank You Notes

1/19/2021

Dear LWML, ND District Ladies,



Just a little note to say thank you for your donation to Mercy Meals of North Dakota! We are so pleased to have partners like you to join us in our mission of serving God by serving food to people in need.

Sincerely in Christ,
Andrea Eckstein, President

The generous will themselves be blessed for they share their food with the poor (Proverbs 22:9).

1/25/2021

Dear ND LWML,

...The ND District [is grateful] to the LWML for their support of our District youth ministry program. We received a check in the amount of \$2,500 on Jan. 25, 2021. The District rejoices along with the LWML how well the mites program gives aid for so many missions.

The District for many years has offered a spring youth retreat in Carrington, a high school youth gathering during the summer, and a junior high gathering in October. This past year due to COVID the fall gathering was cancelled. We pray that all three events may take place this year.

Again, thank you to the LWML for all your generosity and support. Praying that you all stay healthy and have a wonderful 2021.

Vicki Peihl, Office Manager
North Dakota LCMS

Through Jesus, then, let us always bring to God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of our lips praising His Name. And do not forget to do good and to share; for such sacrifices are pleasing to God (Hebrews 13:17-18).

3/8/2021

Dear ND LWML,

Thank you for your encouragement and responses to last month's article on the Little Lutheran Book. We have sold out of our entire stock of 250 books! To God be the glory!

We will be printing more books with slight improvements in quality and efficiency. We hope to go to press in May.

We thank Redeemer LWML (Dickinson) for their continued support through their prayers, gifts and their time assembling the book.

We are accepting pre-orders now for books that we will assemble this fall. These new books will be delivered this December (2021). Email: littlelutheranbook@outlook.com

In Christ,
Lisa Wolters



How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns" (Isaiah 52:7).



Your Guide to Submitting a District Grant Proposal (continued from page 5)

- Prepare 5-8 photos to be included with the proposal, either on a CD or to be sent electronically.
- Choose pictures that best illustrate your grant and communicate your mission.
 - Write a short description for each photo.

The grant proposal must be submitted by September 30, 2021 to the Vice President of Mission Grants either as an email attachment with photos to: missiongrants@ndlwml.org OR 6 (six) copies and a CD of photos mailed to: Sue Corwin, 1811 6th Ave SW #12, Jamestown, ND 58401. After recommendation by the Mission Grants Committee, approval for ballot by the LWML ND Board of Directors and vote by the delegates in convention in June 2022, you will be contacted by July 1, 2022 as to whether or not your mission project has been chosen for funding. God bless you as you continue in His Word & work!

Thank you for submitting this proposal and please continue to support all of the mission projects with your prayers and your mites.

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LWML NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT MISSION GRANT PROPOSAL

Name of grant/project:

Location of grant:

LCMS? Yes OR No — OR — Recognized Service Organization (RSO)? Yes OR No

Amount requested: \$

Name of LWML member/unit/society/ zone/LCMS Board submitting project for grant:

Name:

Address:

Phone:Email:

Name of contact person within the project:

Address:

Phone:Email:

If your project is selected, to whom should the check(s) be issued?

To whom should the check be sent?

Name:

Address:

Jesus Grants Easy Yoke, Light Burden By Pastor Christopher C. Waldvogel, Jr. Counselor



Our family recently brought home a puppy, an Aussiepoo we named Marshall. When he’s not busy playing, Marshall will curl up on the couch by a fellow pack member or lounge by our feet. But when Marshall wanders off, even for just a few seconds, all bets are off; chances are he’s up to something naughty.

“What have you got?” has become the go-to question in the Waldvogel household. The answer includes a dizzying array of clothing items, kids toys or whatever he finds in our other dog’s dish. In an unfortunate gesture of reciprocity, Marshall likes to sneak off and leave “presents” around the house for us.

Returning to the lessons of last year’s puppy training with Reilly, our Wheaten terrier, we enacted the leash rule for Marshall. At all times and in all places, Marshall has to be on a leash. Not a punishment, the leash provides constant, vigilant care for our puppy to ensure his health and well-being. When we keep Marshall close, he stays out of trouble.

Because of the total depravity of the human race, people do not seek God or His will. Instead, they engage in all sorts of destructive behaviors. God acts to call people away from the paths of destruction. He acts to bring people out of sin and death, and He does these things through His Son. In the waters of Holy Baptism, God unites us with Christ. In these waters, God tethers us to Jesus, who takes our sin, wretchedness and death upon Himself. In turn, He confers His righteousness, blessedness and life upon us.

Things don’t end there. Christ’s yoke is a lifelong call, an invitation to receive God’s powerful Word often. Learning from our Lord by God-given faith, we know, believe and receive God’s forgiveness, mercy and grace, given freely and only through His Son.

In Matthew 11:25-30, Jesus declares, *“I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”*

The idea of taking on a yoke might seem cruel, burdensome and restrictive. Thank God, we don’t have to manufacture the will to take it up. God’s Word places that wonderful tether on us and in us. By the power of the Holy Spirit, the demand for damnable freedom from the Lord becomes childlike dependence on Him. What a gift! Receiving the yoke of Jesus lightens the burdens of life and replenishes us with the assurance of eternal life. Because of who Jesus is and what He does for us, the burden of discipleship becomes light indeed. The treasured hymn celebrates this fact:

*“I am Jesus’ little lamb, ever glad at heart I am.
For my Shepherd gently guides me, knows my need and well provides me.
Loves me every day the same. Even calls me by my name.”* LSB 740, verse 1

Mission Grants for the 2020–2022 Biennium by Sue Corwin

At the November Board of Director meeting these grants were approved to be paid when mite dollars are available. The first \$10,000 of the Full-time Church Work Scholarship, \$4,500 for Orphan Grain Train, \$2,500 for Mercy Meals of ND and \$2,500 for ND Youth Ministry. Praise God for providing the mites to pay all these mission projects.

At the March Board of Directors meeting the following grants were approved to be paid when mite dollars are available

- \$8,500 — North Dakota Church Worker Scholarship, 2nd payment
- \$3,500 — Orphan Grain Train-ND Branch, final payment
- \$2,500 — Mercy Meals Of ND, final payment
- \$2,500 — Youth Ministry In ND, final payment

LWML ND DISTRICT MISSION GRANT 2020–2022 BIENNIUM	TOTAL	PAID	BALANCE
1. ND Full-Time Church Worker Scholarship (by Standing Rule, this Grant is in first place)	\$35,000	\$18,500	\$16,500
2. Orphan Grain Train, Jamestown, ND	\$7,500	\$7,500	PAID
3. Mercy Meals of North Dakota	\$5,000	\$5,000	PAID
4. Youth Ministry in the ND District	\$5,000	\$5,000	PAID
5. Log Bunk Beds for Hawkeye Loft at Shepherd’s Hill at the Crossroads, St. John, ND	\$5,000	0	\$5,000
6. Spiritual Care for Pastors, LCMS ND District	\$8,000	0	\$8,000
7. Fort Wayne Food Bank, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN	\$2,500	0	\$2,500
8. Christ the Way Radio Ministry, Jamestown, ND	\$5,000	0	\$5,000
9. Martin Luther School Tuition Assistance, Bismarck, ND (Partial Funding)	\$4,000	0	\$4,000
2020-2022 biennium Mission Grant Total:	\$77,000	0	\$77,000

Now is the time to starting planning for grant proposals for the 2022-2024. I know that seems a long ways off but the time will pass quickly. The proposals will need to be submitted by September 2021 and that is only six months away. The grant proposal forms can be found on the North Dakota LWML website. If you need help with the forms please contact me and I will help you

VP Mission Grants, Sue Corwin

Memorials and Honorariums December 2020 – mid-March 2021

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Eunice Anderson
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Michael Max Guenther

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Karen Wolff
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HONORARIUMS: We give thanks and praise for 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.

ND District Banner

Our North Dakota District Board of Directors have chosen the banner theme: “Cross Eyed ... Focused On Jesus.” At the Board of Directors meeting in March, the final design for the banner was chosen. Wanda has volunteered to craft our district's banner. This banner will represent North Dakota District at the National LWML Convention to be held in Lexington, Kentucky in June of 2021. The banner will also be used for our District LWML Convention in Fargo in 2022.

“Cross Eyed.Focused On Jesus” based on Luke 9:23.
Take Up Your Cross and Follow Jesus and he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me” (Luke 9:23).

Your Guide to Submitting a District Grant Proposal

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LWML NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS

Mission grant proposals shall be submitted in resolution form to the Vice President of Mission Grants by September 30 prior to the District convention. Proposals may be submitted by LWML members, societies, units, zones and LCMS Boards. (Bylaws Article XV, Section1)

- Ministries seeking funding should:
- be mission in emphasis, extending the ministry of the Word;
 - fit into the plans and projections of the LCMS;
 - be current and ready for implementation;
 - be on-going in nature, continuing after the grant money has been expended

- STEPS TO FOLLOW
- Research the project thoroughly.
 - Does it fall within the framework of the criteria for LWML mission grants?
 - LWML Mission Grant Criteria are:
 - * Must be mission in emphasis - extending the ministry of the Word
 - * Must fit into the plans and projections of the LCMS
 - * Must be current and ready for implementation within the next two years
 - * Must be well-documented (must be able to answer all questions on Proposal Form)
 - Speak or write to the people involved. Ask such questions as:
 1. Are there other funding sources? If this is a partial funding, who will fund the remainder?
 2. Will continued support be assured after the District LWML monies from this grant are expended?
 3. Who will be the contact person if the project is adopted?
 4. Will this person implement, administer the funds and conduct the follow-up? If not, who will?
 5. How many people will benefit from this project?
 6. Is there continued maintenance and support once the project has begun

- WRITING THE PROPOSAL
- Prepare the cover sheet of your mission grant proposal, including the following items:
- Name of grant or mission project
 - Location of project
 - Amount requested
 - Name and address of person submitting proposal
 - Name and address information of the person within the project to whom the funds will be sent.

- Prepare a separate detailed information paper (single-sided, single-spaced, maximum length 2 pages) about the ministry. The information should include:
- Project goal
 - Needs
 - Purpose for which funds will be used
 - Tentative date funds will be used
 - Budget and cost information
 - Are there similar existing programs in your area? What? Where?
 - How does your program differ, broaden or support?
 - Staff description: Who? How many? Qualifications?
 - Long term maintenance & sustainability
 - Additional reasons you feel this project is important
 - Other comments or information.

Prepare a proposal in resolution form. Be concise and specific. Start with a purpose/goal statement. Include ministry needs, amount of funds requested and purpose for which the money will be used.

(Example)

WHEREAS, Christ in His Holy Word has instructed parents to bring up their children in the way of the Lord and has asked that little children be brought to Him; and

WHEREAS, JC Christian School is a necessary mission field in a new neighborhood and has already drawn new members to the LCMS church; and

WHEREAS, Bible-based materials vastly expand the Christian knowledge of our children; and

WHEREAS, up-to-date video equipment enhances learning capabilities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League ND District in convention in Fargo, ND in June 2022 grant \$5,000 to JC Christian School for the purchase of audio-visual equipment and new Bible-based textbooks.