

# Lutheran Women's Missionary League North Dakota District

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Encourage  
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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.

**JULY-AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2016**

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

## LWML ND DISTRICT 2016 FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT

### "How Can They Hear"

*"How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" Romans 10:14*

Have you registered for the Fall Women's Retreat yet? Have you invited your friends? Have you made your room reservation? If not, it's time to get that done!

The Retreat will be held on September 16-17, 2016 at the Chieftain Convention Center in Carrington, ND. Friday night, beginning at 7:00 p.m., registration will open along with a Coffee House Fellowship.

On Saturday breakfast will be served from 7:30-8:45. During the day you will hear from our guest speaker, Cynthia Khan, Director of Community Engagement—POBLO. There will be soul nourishing Bible Studies led by Rev. Adam Moline, uplifting music led by Rev. David Suelzle, games, visiting, LWML Store, and more!

*LWML 37th Biennial  
Convention  
Albuquerque, NM  
June 22-25, 2017*



Theme:

**Jesus Christ Above All**  
*based on*

*Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name (Philippians 2:9)*

#### **Convention Goal Statement:**

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, through Word and Sacrament, I will proclaim Jesus Christ above all.

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# LWML ND DISTRICT PRESIDENT



Greetings in the name of our Savior Jesus! Let me introduce myself – my name is Valerie Biberdorf and I am your newly elected North Dakota

District LWML President. In this first message, for those who do not know me, I would tell you a little about myself. I am a native Californian, born in Fresno. I have been married for 33 years to Rev. Richard Biberdorf. Richard is a pastor and has served churches in Colorado, California, and North Dakota. We have lived in Carrington for 15 years. We have two sons – Nathanael is 26 and will be attending Concordia Seminary, St. Louis in the fall to begin his journey to becoming a pastor. Philip, 23, is serving in the US Marines. He has been deployed in Spain since January

and will return to the states in October.

As I have been thinking about being your president for the next 4 years, a certain hymn comes to my mind. "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform." I could not have imagined that God would lead me to serve Him as an LWML district president. If you would have known me back in my growing up years you probably would have said I was quiet and shy. To stand up in front of people and talk was completely terrifying to me. Yet, God has moved and led me to this place where He wants me to be. And my job, along with being president, is to trust Him and be in prayer and study His Word and let Him show me the way. And I know that He will do that.

But He doesn't do this just for me. He does it for all His children who believe in Him and His Son Jesus who came and died that we

might have forgiveness of sins and a new life in Him. This is the gift He gives us, freely and without cost to us. He gives us more than we could ever imagine just because He loves us so much. Amazing, isn't it, and somewhat mysterious to us humans.

Next year, 2017, we will celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. If you have not seen the logo and tag line that goes with it, I hope you will check it out. The line is "It is STILL all about Jesus." When I saw that, I thought "Yes, that is perfect!" Because it IS still all about Jesus. That is what LWML is all about too. Sharing Jesus and proclaiming His saving love for all people. We do it with our Mites and we do it with our mouths and our service to Him.

God's blessings be with all of you as you serve Him with gladness!

*President Valerie*

## Human Care VP.....SUE HARTLEY



### Harvest and a Time of Sharing

Isn't Fall and harvest one of the best times of the year! For our farmers it means a very busy time of trying to harvest all the crops at the right time, while the price (and weather) are good. Or maybe it is a hobby gardener enjoying the bounty of fresh

fruits and vegetables outside their back door. Part of human care is sharing of our bounty. That could look like surprising a neighbor with some of your extra produce – or leaving some of that extra zucchini in a parishioner's vehicle!!

Luke 6:38 sums sharing well, "Give, and it will be

given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return." There have been many times in my life where this verse has been proved over and over again, and I bet it has happened in your life as well.

As I begin my time on the ND District LWML board as the VP of Human Care I look forward to encouraging each of you to participate in human care projects, whether it is on a personal level or at the unit, zone or district level.

Blessings,

Sue Hartley  
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## Sr. Counselor.....*REV. ADAM MOLINE*



Ten Things to Know about your Senior Pastoral Counselor, Pastor Adam Moline

1. States: Born in Nebraska, lived in Utah, Arkansas, Indiana, South Dakota, and North Dakota.
2. Grew up Disciples of Christ and converted to Lutheranism as a teenager
3. -Favorite hymn: Tie – O God O Lord of Heaven and Earth, Lord Thee I Love  
 -Favorite Bible verse: Revelation 7:17  
 -Favorite day of the Church year: Easter  
 -Favorite thing about being Lutheran: Salvation's complete dependence on Christ, and how that is reflected in everything from hymnody to the liturgy.
4. Numbers: 10 years married, 4 children ages 6, 4, 2, and 6 months, 6 years in North Dakota, 32 years old
5. Family: Parents Bob and Deb live near Branson, Missouri; brother Craig and family live near Green Bay, Wisconsin; brother Kyle and family live in Lincoln, Nebraska
6. When I'm not pastoring: I LOVE to hunt and fish
7. Favorite sports: college football and UND hockey
7. LOVE: ethnic foods, beets, brussel sprouts
8. HATE: asparagus and cucumbers
9. I make an incredible loaf of bread – from scratch! The kneading is therapeutic.
10. Ancestry: Swedish, English, etc. Kind of a mutt!

### LWML ND DISTRICT PRAYER CHAIN

Presidents Paulette & Valerie sent out these prayer requests they received via email, for May-August:

- † Prayers for President Paulette's daughter, Allison, as she undergoes gall bladder surgery and prayers of thanks giving that it all went well.
- † Prayers for safe travels for Polydor Kulu family and they make their way to Bismarck and pray also for their transition to our culture.
- † Prayers of comfort to Lillie Witt's family in her passing and thanksgiving for giving her 102 years of life!
- † Prayers for Sheila, Sue Corwin's daughter, dealing with health issues.
- † Prayers Darci Wolff who as she undergoes a major surgery..
- † Prayers Marlene Brandenburg, undergoing chemotherapy to treat Pre-acute Leukemia, and also for her husband Don, as they deal with what is to come.
- † Prayers for healing and help for those suffering from the horrific flooding in the southern part of our nation.
- † Prayers for all those affected by the wildfires in California, those who face possibly losing their homes, and all of the firefighters and others working to stop the fires.
- † Prayers for Scott Runge, a former neighbor and dear friend of Paulette Huber, diagnosed with stage 4 brain cancer which is inoperable. He will seek experimental treatment in Texas.

If you would like to be on the district prayer chain email list, email President Valerie at [vbiberdorf@live.com](mailto:vbiberdorf@live.com) and ask her to add your email to the list.



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 [editor@ndlwml.org](mailto:editor@ndlwml.org). The deadline to submit information for the next newsletter is December 1, 2016.

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## EASTERN ZONE.....2016 SPRING EVENT



The members of the ND LWML Eastern Zone gathered for their Spring Event at St. John in Hillsboro, ND on April 2, 2016. Following registration/coffee, Pastor Chris Waldvogel, Zone Counselor, provided the opening devotion with a message regarding MERCY. The ladies then divided into two groups.



Group One attended a Bible Study on MERCY led by Pastor Waldvogel and Group Two packed MERCY MEALS. After one hour, the groups switched activities.

In keeping with the theme of the Spring Event, "Feed God's People," many of the 42 members in attendance participated in packing of the "Mercy Meals," which will be transported to Liberia by the Orphan Grain Train. Andrea Eckstein and her three helpers from Jamestown, led the ladies in packing the meals. Four bins, containing rice, soy protein powder, dried vegetables and powered chicken flavoring were placed on tables. In assembly line formation, these products were then carefully measured and poured into a plastic bag, which in turn was weighed, sealed and



weighed, sealed and labeled. Each bag contained enough food for 6 servings, when added to 6-10 cups of water and cooked into a "hot-dish." The meal contains nourishment and vitamin supplements, enough so that if this would be the only meal a person gets in a day, it should sustain life. The bags were packed 36 to a box and 17 boxes were packed in the two hour span of time. That equals 612 bags or 3672 meals!!! The group also had an ingathering, in which personal hygiene, paper, and cleaning products, as well as food items,

were collected to be donated to the Hillsboro Food Pantry.

Ending the event was a closing devotion by Pastor Swenson from Hillsboro, after which the hosting Hillsboro LWML unit served a noon meal.

Effie Brendemuhl, from Trinity, Hope, ND extended an invitation for the Fall Rally, a date to be announced at a later time.



## *Mission Grant VP.....BONNIE KRENZ*

At the 2016 ND LWML convention in Jamestown the budget for Mission Projects of \$76,000 was approved. These are the grants that were approved.

North Dakota Full-Time Church Workers Scholarship \$35,000.

Location: Distributed by ND-LCM District Office

Goal of this Project: To help student with financial needs while attending school to become full-time church workers with financial aid to help pay education fees.

Orphan Grain Train – ND Branch \$7,500

Location: Jamestown, ND

Goal of this Project: To provide Food, clothing medical supplies and God's Word to those in need.

Wahpeton LCMS U \$1,500

Location: Wahpeton, ND

Goal of this Project: To fund the start-up cost, Bible study materials, pizza welcome party, national conferences and/or mission opportunities.

"Christ the Way" Radio Ministry \$5,000

Location: Jamestown, ND

Goal of this Project: To support the Gospel ministry of "Christ the Way" radio program

Providing Spiritual and Emotional Care for Pastors \$8,000

Location: ND District LCMS

Goal of this Project: To provide funds for pastor who are especially in need of specific spiritual and emotional care.

Financial Assistance for Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne Food and Clothing Coop \$5,000

Location Fort Wayne, IN

Goal of this Project: To purchase perishable items for the Food and Clothing Co-op of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN. which provide perishable items to seminary students and their families at no cost.

Christ's Care for Children : Kenya \$4,320

Location: Kenya

Goal of this Project: To give vulnerable children the opportunity to successfully complete school while living in a home away from home which provides a Christ-centered, loving, caring and safe environment.

Grace Lutheran School Scholarship Fund

Location: Fargo, ND

Goal of this Project: To increase the ability of families in the community to receive tuition assistance and have the ability to send their children to the school were they learn the faith and love that Jesus Christ offers to us.

Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch (DBGR) Chapel Altar, Baptismal Font and Christian Education Materials for His Children

Location: Fargo, ND

Goal of this Project: To enhance successful treatment of children at DBGR by providing Christian education, chapel and baptismal services to the youth, families and staff on the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Campus in Fargo, ND

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## *Young Woman Representative...ELIZABETH MOLINE*

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Dear Ladies of the North Dakota District LWML,

As a young woman and as the Young Women's Representative for last year's National Convention, I get asked this question a lot: "How can we get young women to care about the LWML?" Well, ladies, if I may be blunt, I feel like this is the wrong

question. Those of you who have heard me speak have heard me say that it isn't really "how we can get women into LWML" that is the real issue, but instead "how can we get young people back into the church", "how can we make sure that our young women (and men) are being regularly fed by the Word", and "how can we love the young women in our midst so that they have the ability to love and serve their neighbors"?

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ample how to love their husband and or children, how to lead a self-controlled and pure life (in words and actions), how to take joy in making a home. If they have children, offer to baby-sit so they can go on a date with their husband, or just get some housework done. If they have children, love on those children too – show interest in their lives. If they are married, teach them the beauty of submission, or attend a Bible study with them about marriage and the Biblical understanding of submission. Pray for them – and let them know that you are. Write them an encouraging note.

Whew – that sounds like a lot of work! But I'm not saying you have to do them all. God has given you specific gifts in serving others, so choose ways that you feel comfortable with. And I'm not saying that you have to – or will – do it all perfectly. You won't, dear sister, dear fellow sinner-saint. You will mess up, the young women in your life will mess up. But – BUT – you and she and me, we are all baptized, forgiven children of God. He works through us imperfect, uncomfortable, often selfish sinners to accomplish His good will – thanks be to God!!

You have so much wisdom to share! You have so much you can teach to me and my generation! Please be patient in earning our trust, but then please do teach us! We need that now more than ever.

In Christ,

Elizabeth Moline

### 2016 LWML ND District Convention Recap

#### Registration numbers:

Full—64  
Saturday only—6  
Workers/Spouses/Young at Heart—54  
Clergy—10  
Young Women—8

#### Offerings:

Mites—\$3,287.36  
New Church Starts—\$2,050.00  
Orphan Grain Train—\$2,349.03  
Mite Walk—\$1,423.00

#### Human Care:

LAYETTE KITS—35  
Plus—Diapers-11  
Baby wipes-10  
Bottles-13  
Onesies-5  
Blankets-3  
Pins-7 pkgs

HYGIENE KITS—95  
Plus—Washcloths-36  
Soap-28  
Toothbrush-34  
Deodorant-2  
Band-aids-1

SCHOOL KITS—2  
Plus—Notebooks-165  
Pencils-1,023  
Pens-584  
Construction Paper-41  
Caryons-5 boxes

Rulers-83  
Glue sticks-74  
Scissors-118  
Markers-269  
Protractor-33  
Erasers-63  
Colored pencils-289  
Paint-15  
Highlighters-2  
Backpacks-19

SHOES—85

#### MERCY MEALS

40 boxes—total of 8640 bags

#### ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

20 boxes of clothes sorted/  
packed  
28 boxes of quilts (about  
80 quilts



## MEET YOUR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS...



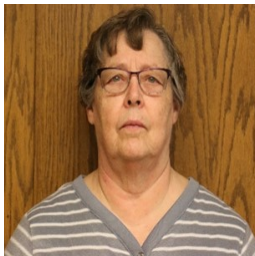
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# DISTRICT DATES

- ◆ Fall Retreat @ Carrington ~ September 16-17, 2016
- ◆ LWML Board of Directors @ Carrington—Nov 11-12, 2016
- ◆ LWML Convention @ Albuquerque, NM ~ June 22-25, 2017
- ◆ LWML ND District Convention @ Minot ~ June 22-24, 2018



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## LWML ND District Mission Grants 2014-2016 Biennium

MISSION GRANT	AMOUNT BUDGETED	AMOUNT PAID	BALANCE
ND District Full-Time Church Worker Scholarships	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	—0—
Providing Spiritual & Emotional Care for Pastors	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	—0—
Financial Assistance for Food & Clothing Co-op ~ Fort Wayne, IN	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	—0—
Christ the Way Radio Ministry	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	—0—
Kenya Africa Rescue Centers	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	—0—
New Playground at Shepherd's Hill Retreat	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	—0—
Martin Luther School Tuition Assistance	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	—0—
Bibles for Peace Officers Ministries	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	—0—
All Faiths Chapel Music Ministry ~ Grafton, ND	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	—0—
Sudanese Lay Pastor Training	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	—0—
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$76,000.00	\$76,000.00	—0—

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