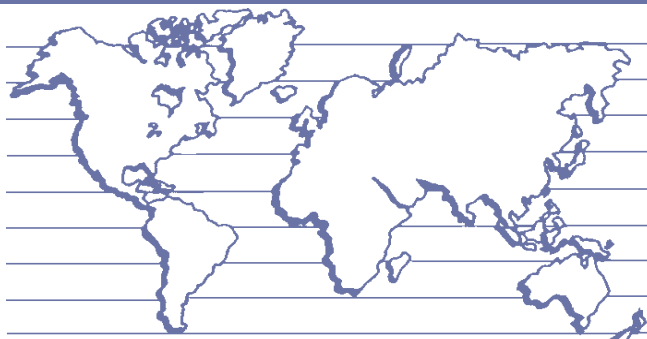


The Messenger

News for Women in Mission



October-November-December 2009

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

Bismarck Convention 2010

"And now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul," Deuteronomy 10:12



The Southwest Zone is looking forward to hosting the 34th Biennial ND LWML Convention in Bismarck, June 18-20, 2010 at the Ramkota Hotel.

As plans are made for servant events, Bible studies, gathering of Gifts from the Heart, choosing new mission grants, and much more, we are praying that the Holy Spirit will inspire each of you to join in the festivities.

Dr. Mary Hildendorf, Director of the Women's Leadership Institute at Concordia, Wisc., will be our keynote speaker. You will not only find her inspiring, but also laugh-out-loud funny! LWML's newly elected recording secretary Judy Carlson, from Paola, Kan., will be our LWML Representative, and our mission speaker will be Melissa Salomon. Melissa was on the cover of the Winter 2007 Quarterly. Her stories will touch your heart. And, well known throughout North Dakota, the band Tangled Blue will entertain throughout the weekend.

Please join us and make this convention's goal and objectives yours!

Convention Goal and Objectives:

Reaffirm that Jesus will Reign in My Heart! and live every moment for Him and to His glory.

- ♦ My hope is in Jesus, who has secured my salvation and He will Reign in My Heart!
- ♦ Assured in that hope, I find peace in all circumstances.
- ♦ I will remain in God's Word and Work, and confidently reach out with acts of love and the Gospel message.

*Serving Him,
Co-chairmen Debbie and Eileen Larson*

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Nikki Tyrrell of Immanuel, Dickinson for being Chairman of the Gospel Outreach Committee on the National level.

The purpose of the Gospel Outreach Committee is to motivate, equip and ensure the participation of women from diverse groups for service and witness to the church and world.

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

President's Message

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:" Ecclesiastes 3:1.



Sue Corwin

This verse comes to mind as we are looking forward to the changing seasons. I look forward to each season and the beauty each has to offer. We may not always see the beauty at first but when we take time to look at the beauty we will enjoy it and thank God for each of them.

In November there is Thanksgiving where we are able to thank God for all the blessings that he has given us during the year. It is also a time when we are able to share with others who do not have as much as we have or are going through a rough time due to illness or loss of a job. We can prepare meals for them and share with them the good news that God cares for them and loves them.

In December we are able to thank God for the gift of His Son, Jesus, born for all of us. There are programs to attend, parties to attend, gifts to share and all kinds of activities. Let us remember to first thank God for the gift of His Son and share that gift with those that we meet. Let us invite other to join us in worship and share with them the best gift of all.

As we enjoy the colors of fall and snow of winter let us remember to thank God for all the beauty of the seasons that he has created for us. There is time for everything as God has given us the time to do the works he has prepared for us to do.

Let us remember to first thank God for all the blessings and beauty of the seasons that we are able to enjoy.

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" Psalm 118:24.

Serving with gladness
Sue Corwin



"Let us lift up our hearts and hands in prayer."

The District LWML Email Prayer Chain

The District Board of Directors continues to maintain an email prayer chain. This allows for fast broadcasting of information and the prayer chain is very active. It is open to anyone who would like to participate. At this time, let us pray for:

- Continued dedicated *mite giving* to help spread the Gospel throughout the world and the goals will continue to be attained in support of district mission projects. Prayers of thanksgiving and rejoicing for the District Mission Grants paid at this time.

- Mission grant committee as they chose grants for the upcoming convention.

- Vacant and calling congregations that they may soon have pastors to serve them.

- The many brothers and sisters who are under medical care and in need of the Lord's care.

- All those who we know of who are suffering and in need of the Lord's help.

- Special requests: Ruth Cerroll family; Renee Johnson, surgery; Sheila Thompson, surgery; Tad Thompson, back injury; Leona (Huber) Kensmoe family.

We find comfort and peace, knowing that God does hear our prayers and will answer them. Let's never forget -- the power of prayer doesn't come from the pray-er, and it isn't in the words, but it comes from the One who calls us His own. We pray so that we will always be aware of his power, mercy, forgiveness and love.

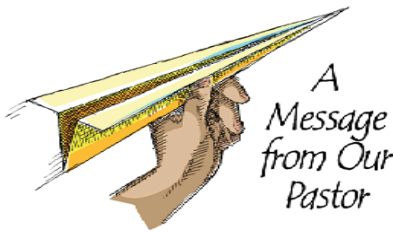
If you would like to participate in the email prayer chain, just email Sue at scorwin@csicable.net and tell her you want to receive the prayer requests.

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Counselor's Corner

Dear Sisters in Christ of the ND District LWML,

Most gardeners would agree that this was one of the most challenging gardening seasons they can remember in a long while. An unusually long, cold winter was followed by a cold, wet spring, which eventually gave way to a cool, wet summer. As a result, everything took longer than normal to mature. Our family had to wait well into August to enjoy our first BLT (bacon, lettuce and tomato) sandwich.

Much of gardening reminds me of what God calls all of us to do Plan; prepare; Plant; Produce.

Every experienced gardener knows the importance of planning. Long before the last snow of winter has melted; she has flipped through countless pages of nursery catalogs and placed an order or perhaps visited a local nursery and purchased her seed stock. She has a well-rehearsed master plan already laid out in her mind as to what and where she will plant each item. God, the Master Gardener has given us a divine plan found in Matthew 28:18-20. "Go and make disciples of all nations..."

Preparation of the garden requires rototilling (or spading if you don't own a rototiller) to loosen the soil, which allows air, water and nutrients to feed the roots. Weeding is another task the experienced gardener undertakes as she prepares her garden. As servants of the Master Gardener, we prepare for the task we have been given by studying the master Plan (the Bible) and by developing friendships and relationships with those around us who do not yet know of the Good News, which we have to share with them. Preparing to share that Good News with others often involves hard work and patience.

One of the most exciting moments in gardening is the act of planting. The gardener gently places the seed or young transplant into the soil and then begins the long process of careful nurturing. The plant will face many challenges before reaching maturity. Insects, birds and animals view the plant as a food source. Disease will do

its best to kill the plant. Inclement weather - frost, flooding, hail or drought - will also challenge the plant in its struggle for survival. Yet, in spite of the odds, the gardener is equipped with a host of resources to assist the struggling plant as it grows. Similarly, the Master Gardener provides us all with a host of resources to nurture others - whether they have just been planted with the seed of the Gospel or are more mature believers. The nurturing process includes prayer, reading and studying the Bible, inviting others to worship, as well as being ready and willing to comfort and assist them in the challenging times of life.

Finally, the time comes for the plant to produce. Gardeners expect their efforts to bring forth results. And whether the plant produces food or flowers, the gardener is reminded of just how much the Master Gardener has blessed her efforts. She simply planted and the Master Gardener graciously supplied everything else that was needed to produce the end result. Her faith and trust was richly rewarded.

God's Word will not return to Him void. It will accomplish that which He intends. As servants of the living God (and Master Gardener), we have only Him to thank for the bountiful harvest which He graciously and abundantly supplies, not only in our gardens and fields, but also in His church. And although the backyard gardening season has come to an end, the spiritual seasons of planning, preparing, planting and producing will continue until the Lord returns.

Blessings to all of you - God's gardeners.



*Pastor Craig Fenske
Junior Counselor*



From the ND District LWML
Board of Directors

**Deadline for
January-February-March
Newsletter—Dec. 18**

Human Care

Valerie Biberdorf, VP Human Care

“Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior.” Habbakkuk 3:17, 18

What outrageous verses! Yet as unbelievable as they seem to us, we also know what they are saying is true. Even though we may have nothing going for us here on earth, we can be filled with joy because we have our Savior Jesus in our hearts. Truly outrageous!

At our LWML District retreat last September the Gifts from the Heart ingathering items that were brought to share with people right here in our North Dakota district and around the world was outrageous.

127 packages of sanitary pads were brought to give to young girls in Liberia who do not have pads available to them. Thank you to Avonne Gessner for delivering the packages to Orphan Grain Train for shipping.

Following is a list of baby items brought to give to young mothers who seek help from First Choice clinic in Fargo. 19 packages of diapers, 7 packages of wipes, 7 outfits, 17 sleepers, 17 blankets, 11 packages of socks, 17 bibs, 18 washcloths, 28 burp cloths, 8 packages of Onesies, 6 packages of T-shirts, 15 assorted toys, 7 cups/bottles, 1 bottle of baby oil and baby powder, 1 pacifier,

1 box of Q-tips, 4 spoons, 2 photo albums, 1 diaper bag, 2 hooded towels, 1 teddy bear. Thank you to Kim Wagner (who spoke to us about First Choice Clinic in Fargo) and Rhonda Hoge for taking the gifts to Fargo.

And thank you to all who shared your outrageous joy in Christ with others!

As we approach the holiday season, be even more deliberate at asking Jesus to give you opportunities to share your outrageous joy. Just a few suggestions: send a holiday greeting to members of the military serving our country; instead of exchanging gifts with one another, give to an organization for the homeless or a shelter for abuse victims; purchase a Christmas tree for someone in need and then decorate it for them; come back and help them “undecorate” it also; send a note or call someone you have not seen at church for several weeks - let them know you are thinking of them and miss them; and, as we move into the new year, make a resolution to be more faithful with daily devotions and Bible study.

Do you have the fullness of joy that the Lord wants us to have in our lives? Psalm 100 verses 1 & 2 says: “Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!”



Honor/Memorials

Received July to September 2009

Memory of

*Frieda Arndt
Clarice Friez
Henrietta Gessner
Leslie Johnson
Gaye Liebelt
Lucier Memorial (Zion, Bismarck)
Victor Rotenberger*

Honor of

*Marlene Brandenburg's 75th birthday
Ruth Rust*



A Positive Thought



If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it.

If He had a wallet, your photo would be in it.

He sends you flowers every spring, and a sunrise every morning.

Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen.

He could live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart.

What about the Christmas gift He sent you in Bethlehem ;

not to mention that Friday at Calvary .

Face it, He's crazy about you.

God answers knee-mail!!

Servant Resources

Sue Hartley, VP Servant Resources

The mission of the
Lutheran Women's Missionary League
is to assist each woman...
in affirming her relationship
with the Triune God
so that she is enabled to use her gifts
in ministry to the people of the world.

Servant Check Up

We all have had check-ups of some sort. We go to the doctor's office for a check-up on our bodies. We take our vehicles in for tune-ups and we visit with our financial advisors for a check on our finances.

When was the last time your society had a self check up? Are you following our LWML Mission Statement? On a scale of 1 to 10, how would your society rate itself in working towards the mission? Take time at your next society gathering and read the Mission Statement and League Pledge. Ask your ladies to talk about how they think the group is doing towards following the mission. Come up with ideas to strengthen weak areas and praise the group for areas that they are doing well.

LWML item #5201 "A Responsive Reading on the LWML Mission Statement" is a great resource for looking at the mission statement and understanding how we Women in Mission are to serve and who we are to serve. We have three key action words to focus on: assist, affirm and enable. This item is free and can be found on the LWML website. Click on Resources, next click on Program Helps and scroll down to Printable Program Helps.

Opportunities for service are all around us. Gladly serve Him where and when He sends you.

(reprinted from the Minnesota South newsletter)



Mission Grants

Rhonda Hoge, VP Mission Grants

LWML Partners with Lutheran Association of Missionaries and Pilots U.S. in reaching Students at Haskell Indian Nations University

At the 2007 Int'l LWML convention, a \$95,000 grant was awarded for ministry at Haskell INU. Will and Patricia Main began working with students on that campus through the Haskell LIGHT Ministry. Will, is now enrolled in the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT) program and is taking online courses to become an ordained minister. At the 2009 Intl' LWML convention, a \$100,000 grant was awarded to provide scholarships for Native students in training, such as Will. God is using "mites" to touch the lives of many in a "mighty" way. Will shares how God is at work and what a "Mighty God" we serve. Read more...

<http://www.lutheranmissionariesandpilots.org/our-ministry/TextMessaging.htm>

ND LCMS Mission Starts in Bismarck & Fargo--\$10,000

With the prayers, vision, financial assistance and work of many individuals, the mission starts in Bismarck and Fargo have become reality. They each have a pastor, church buildings in which to worship, and God's people meeting regularly in Word & Sacrament.

Pastor Mike Giddings is the mission pastor at Crosspointe Lutheran Church, co-located with the Good Samaritan Society Assisted Living Center in southwest Fargo. As he states in his Crosspointe blog, "We are all about connecting people with Jesus and with one another...I am convinced that God's love is the coolest, most liberating, most empowering thing you could ever experience. I pray that Crosspointe is a link between you and that love." For more information about Crosspointe, go to www.crosspointelutheran.org.

Rev. Matthew Thompson is the mission pastor at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, located in a storefront just east of Century High School in north Bismarck. Having served for six years as the associate pastor at St. John Lutheran in Park Rapids, Minn., Pastor Thompson was installed on Nov. 4, 2007, into his current ministry at Holy Cross. He is married to Pamela and has four sons. For more information about Holy Cross, go to www.holycrossbismarck.org.

We rejoice with these pastors and new congregations of believers and continue to uphold them in prayer. As we read in Isaiah 12:4-5, "Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world."

Christian Life

Eunice Deitemeyer, VP Christian Life

Over 100 ladies and our two district counselors gathered at the Chieftain in Carrington in September for a marvelous time at retreat. Jan Struck's presence and presentations and the Bible studies led by Pastor Fenske focused on the theme "Outrageous Joy."

Thanks for generosity of those attending in bringing items for the First Choice Clinics and for the Orphan Grain Train. The silent auction was another fun event with a wonderful assortment of items. What a nice boost for the gathering of mites!

Next year's retreat is set for September 17-19, 2010. We hope to see many attending--those who were there this year and those who missed out this year. There always seems to be room for more. Here is a review with a view pictures:



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REGARDING ALL CHANGES - all increases for the Spring issue are due by January 1, 2010; Summer issue are due by April 1, 2010, the Fall issue are due by July 1, 2010 and all increases for the next Winter issue are due by October 1, 2010. Decreases can only be made with the summer issue and are due by April 1, 2010.

Please clip this form and return to Kathy Huettl, PO Box 284, Max, ND 58759 or email the information to wkjh@restel.net

A follow-up letter noting amounts due for your subscription will be sent to all units by mid-November. Watch your mail for this important information.

LWML Store

Just in time for the new year, The ND LWML Store has a variety of items available. Are you looking for some Christmas items or helps for your LWML group. Contact the store manager, Susie (info posted below), for some good deals.

Some of the available items:
 Several 2010 Pocket Calendars (without the cover).
 New Bible studies
 Purple & Grey Stadium Blankets
 Cardigans
 Suede Jacket
 Polo Shirts
 New Coaster Set - great evangelism tool
 Cosmetic Bag
 LWML Checkbook Cover
 Wool Pin Cushion
 Luggage set
 Small tote bag (the size of your purse)
 2009 Portland Bears
 Liquid Glass Crosses~both Small and Large



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Linked in Prayer

Continue to join with LWML'ers across the country to pray each Monday at noon (or whenever you are able) for our national and district officers and mission projects.



If you would like to receive specific national and district prayer requests, you may ask your zone president to share with you, or you might like to be part of our district E-Prayer chain. Contact Sue Corwin at scorwin@ndfu.org or scorwin@csicable.net.

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MISSION GRANTS 2008-2010

Project	Amount		Balance
	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Paid</u>	
North Dakota Full-Time Church Worker's Scholarships	\$30,000	\$20,000	\$10,000
Orphan Grain Train - ND Division	\$7,500	\$7,500	- 0 -
Project 24	\$5,000	\$5,000	- 0 -
ND District LCMS Missions starts in S. Fargo & N. Bismarck	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
ND Lutheran Braille Work Centers	\$5,000	-0-	\$5,000
Food & Clothing Co-op for Fort Wayne Seminary	\$5,000	-0-	\$5,000
Deaf Institute of Theology *	\$2,500	-0-	\$2,500
Total	\$65,000	\$37,500	\$27,500

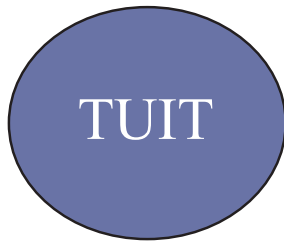
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At last we have obtained a supply of round tuits (new LWML cardboard coasters work great too!!) so we can include one in each copy of our church newsletter this issue.

Please clip it out and save it. It's a valuable piece of merchandise.

Some church members have been saying, "I will start going to church, or tithing, or singing in the church choir, just as soon as I get a round tuit.

Now you have your very own round tuit, and you can do all those things you've been intending to do. With your round tuit in hand, you'll certainly want to get more involved in the life of your church.



—Hodge Podge—

- Remember the LWML with *your* memorials or honorariums. If you are in need of "Joy Cards", contact Myra Axtman
- Are you looking for your mite calendars? They are now available on our ND LWML website (www.nd-lwml.org).

—LOOKING AHEAD—

- **Board of Directors Meetings:**
November 13 & 14 - Carrington
- **2010 Fall Retreat:** Sept. 17-19 @ Chieftain in Carrington
- **ND District Conventions:**
June 18-20, 2010: In Bismarck, Ramkota Inn "Reign in my Heart"

“A Dozen “Bees”

(Characteristics of a Dynamic LWML Society)

1. Be in Word and Prayer
2. Be a survey taker of the ladies in your congregation.
3. Be diverse and creative in your structure and programming (Be flexible!).
4. Be a "job divider"—break jobs into small components (Be organized!).
5. Be in the habit of separating business meetings from events.
6. Be sure each event has a spiritual aspect.
7. Be adept at one-on-one PR.
8. Begin and end events and meetings on time.
9. Be a delegator and mentor.
10. Be in communication with members, zone and district.
11. Be plugged into zone, district and national events.
12. Be in the WORD and PRAYER. (So important that it BEars repeating!)

(reprinted from the South Wisconsin website)

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The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.