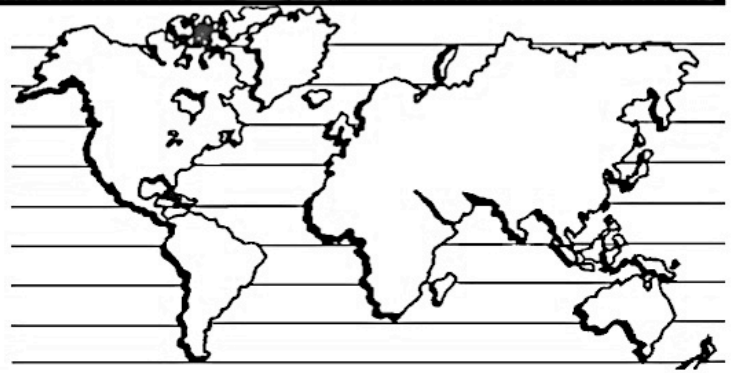


# The Messenger

News for Women in Mission



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

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

## ND District LWML Convention dates are: June 24-26, 2012

*Remember the dates! The primary reason for the change to a Sunday - Tuesday format is to reduce the hotel room cost at the CanadInn in Grand Forks. District Convention Co-Chairmen are: Lynne Drees & Gloria Bethke. The theme is "With Jesus...Right Where You Are" (Micah 4:2b,5b). Our speakers will be Pastor Nabil Nour from Armour, SD as keynote speaker, Pastor Bernie Seter as mission speaker and President Kay Kreklau as our national representative. Look for more information on the website, and in the next Messenger!*



**FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT**, held in Carrington on SEPT. 16-18, 2011 is but a memory. See page 3 of this newsletter as well as the district website ([www.ndlwml.org](http://www.ndlwml.org)) for photos.

## Announcing National LWML Appointments

President Sue wants to share with you some committee assignments on national committees and they are: Nikki Tyrrell on the Hope Committee which is under the Organizational Resources, Debbie Larson, Director of Marketing which is under the PR Committee and Geneal Roth, special assignment under the PR Committee. Please keep these ladies in your prayers as they serve on these committees.

## 2013 Convention in Pittsburgh!

The Executive Committee of the LWML announces the theme and Scripture verses for the 35th Biennial LWML Convention that will be held June 27-30, 2013 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

**Theme:** Quenched! by the Water

**Scripture verse:** [Jesus said:] "...but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life" (John 4:14).

**Convention Goal Statement:** Quenched by Christ's redeeming grace, I am empowered by the Holy Spirit to be a wellspring of the Father's love.

**Convention Objectives:** Convention attendees will:

**Glorify** the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

**Drink** deeply from His Word

**Share** His overflowing love

The LWML Executive Committee reflected on the many challenges that everyday life brings in the world today. The theme for the 2013 LWML Convention reminds each child of God that, in spite of constant change, God continually provides life-giving spiritual blessings for all of His children who know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. LWML President Kay Kreklau shared, "Planning for the convention in Pittsburgh is well underway. It is exciting to know that those attending the convention will have opportunities to be filled to overflowing through worship, Bible study, fellowship, and uplifting experiences that will help to strengthen them as they share Christ with others."

## LWML Needs Help from YOU!

National mite goal collections are a little behind the targets. Please remember your mite calendars are available on the District website. Twenty-five percent of our district's contributions go toward the national mite goal. Help further the mission of the LWML through your generous gifts!



## President's Thoughts:

*"We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us" 1 Thessalonians 2:8.*

One of my favorite songs is "Father Welcomes". The first line is Father welcomes all His children to his family through his son..." As we sing this song we are reminded that our Father in heaven welcomes all of his children to come to Him. We know that we are part of His family through our baptism. What a comfort that is to know we belong to him and he welcomes us in. He sent His only son to die for us so that we can live with him forever.

We can share that great news with others that we meet that we have a Father in heaven that cares for us every day and provides everything that we need. All we have to do is look at the world around us and know that he is taking care of everything that he has created. He has painted us a beautiful fall with all the bright colors.

The theme for the fall rallies was "Delighted to share". My prayer is that we are all delighted to share the hope that we have in Jesus with all that we meet. He came so that all would be saved. We share with others so that they too may be saved and live forever with Him.

In a few months we will be celebrating the best gift of all and let us share that gift with everyone that we can. Let us share with them that we have a Father in heaven that welcomes all of us to His family. *"Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say it again: Rejoice."* *Philippians 4:4*

Serving with gladness, Sue Corwin

## COUNSELOR CORNER

*And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. Romans 7:21*

Those words were written almost 2000 years ago by St. Paul to the Christians living in Rome. Just being a Christian in that particular city at that particular time was challenging, to say the least. Depending on the emperor's mood, Christians could face death in any number of ways, including crucifixion, being burned at the stake, or being torn apart by wild animals in front of thousands of cheering people in the Coliseum.

Yet those words inspired by the Holy Spirit, have enabled countless Christians over the centuries to endure torture and even death without renouncing their faith in Jesus Christ the Lord.

What, if any, significance do those words have for us today?

Maybe you're presently engaged in a life-or-death struggle with a terminal illness such as cancer. Perhaps you've undergone surgery, chemotherapy or radiation treatments in an effort to win the battle. Yet despite your best efforts, there may be days when you feel like you're losing the war.

Or you may be suffering from a broken relationship. Your marriage may be on shaky ground. Or as a result of a big misunderstanding or a long-running feud, you and your siblings (or your in-laws or your children) may not be on speaking terms with one another.

Or you may be struggling financially. Maybe it's because of something out of your control. You may be one of the thousands of North Dakotans whose lives have been affected by the flooding of farms, businesses and homes this year.

It may appear to you that things are rapidly going from bad to worse – not only in the world, but at home, work, school, and perhaps even at your local church. The devil sure seems to be in high gear these days. And the truth is: he is hard at work in this world, tempting us to think that God doesn't hear our prayers, know our concerns or care for us. It's especially at times like that we need to recall those comforting words: *All things work together for good for those who love God - for those who are called according to His purpose.*

Thanks be to God - we know that Jesus died for our sins and through Baptism, God calls us His dear children! And knowing that allows us to live faithfully and confidently, come what may.

Rev. Craig Fenske, Senior Pastoral Counselor



## DISTRICT DATES!!

+Next **District BOD Meeting:** Nov. 12, 2011.

+Next **newsletter deadline** is November 27, 2011. We love your news and pictures, so send it in, send it in!

+**Young Women's Retreat:** March 2012 in Bismarck.

+**2012 Spring Rally dates are here!**

(You can also find updates on the district website.)

**Zone: Date; Location; Speaker**

**Central:** April 28, Concordia, Jamestown - "You Want to Wear That?"

**Eastern:** April 14; St. Andrew, West Fargo

**NE:** TBA

**NW:** April 14, St. Paul, Minot (St. Matthew, Hazen hosting)

**SE:** Immanuel, Stirum (April 21??)

**SW:** April 15 Concordia, Beulah

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- +**District LWML Convention:** June 24-26, 2012
- +Kay Kreklau's first convention as LWML President is on June 27-30, 2013 in Pittsburgh, PA. Can you make the journey?
- +**District Women's Retreat** in Carrington: September 14-16, 2012, with speaker Mary Hilgendorf.

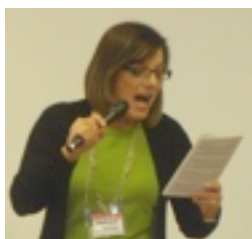
### Nominating Committee [Still] Looking for Candidates for 2012 Convention!

The nominating committee members are looking for elected and appointed volunteers to further the mission of the ND District LWML. Convention is less than a year away, so it's time for you to contact the *District Nominating Committee*: Paulette Huber, Chairman; Carol Kosel, Ruth Walsh, Judy Ill, Susan Hiatt, and Phyllis Lentz. Please pray for potential nominees for the following positions: President; VP of Mission Grants; VP of Human Care; VP of Communication (a potential, newly-added office); Treasurer; Pastoral Counselor. Nominees must be ND LWML members, must have held an office in their society or zone, and nominees for president must have served as a voting member of the ND LWML BOD prior to being nominated for president.

Please join the committee in praying for the right people to rise to the top of the list for our beloved ND LWML. Please help us find ladies of all ages and circumstances ready to serve Him, right where we are!  
Paulette Huber, Nominating Committee Chairman

### Retreat Recap from VP Dottie

Renewing friendships, making new friends, coffee, Italian sodas, snacks, prayer partners, Bible Studies, Mission speaker, worship, tying fleece blankets, making witness bracelets, cutting, sewing, music, talent show. All of this was part of the 2011 LWML Women's Retreat held at the Chieftain Motel in Carrington this past September. Seventy women and two husbands and two toddlers attended the retreat. Pastor Suelzle guided the participants to look at scripture and realize that God's "Fear Nots" will help us to deal with our "Fear Knots".



Speaker Maggie Karner from the LCMS World Relief and Human Care shared about the many needs of people throughout the world and how our church is reaching out to them. A helping hands workshop provided opportunity to visit and share as they worked at various

projects. Saturday evening was a time for fun and fellowship with a White Elephant game and talent show. Talent! Wow, have we got it in the ND LWML. Sketches and readings brought much joy and laughter.

Retreat is a time to withdraw from the daily schedule and renew your spirit and the ND LWML

Retreat is such a time. Mark your calendar now for the 2012 Retreat which will be held the weekend of September 14-16 at the Chieftain in Carrington. Watch for



more information about the theme and speaker, Mary Hilgendorf.



### PEORIA CONVENTION – More Highlights Did You Know?

Three Mother-Daughter duos from ND were in Peoria. L to R: Myrna Baneck and Shirley Hall; Hannah Krenz and mom Bonnie; Nikki Tyrrell and daughter Olivia.



### Is There a Better Writer than the ND District LWML Editor? YOU BET!

In case you haven't already read the following paragraph, the editor decided to defer to our synodical District President, Dr. James Baneck, for a much better-worded statement regarding our favorite LWML Counselor-candidate:

"The ND District is also very proud of **Rev. Tim Jenks** of Bethel Lutheran Church, Bismarck. Rev. Jenks was on the ballot for pastoral counselor of the LWML. While Jenks was not elected, he was the favored candidate of the ND District, and many, many more at the LWML convention. We thank Pastor Jenks for his continued faithfulness and pastoral leadership in our beloved District."





L: Pastor Suelzle entertains the 'troops' on the Peoria bus trip (including Myra Axtman from Hazen). R: YWRs Marie Johnson and Olivia Tyrrell with District President Sue Corwin after receiving their YWR pins at the District Caucus.

## TWO (2) Thank You RECEIVED

9-22-11

District LWML,

I would like to thank you for your generous educational grant that makes my education here at Concordia possible. It means a great deal to be from a district which is willing to support its church workers. Again, thank you; this support means a lot to me, and I will not forget it.

*Sincerely, Eli Voigt*

Sept 14, 2011

Dear LWML ND District,

Thank you so much for the very generous gift. I really appreciate your helpfulness. It is indeed a blessing to be able to attend such a fine seminary and study God's Word in the deaconess program. There are fifteen female students attending classes here at the seminary. We have ten new students in the deaconess program.

I just finished my first week of classes at the seminary here. It looks like it is going to be a very fascinating quarter. I'm taking several very interesting classes

(History of Deaconess, Theology of Mercy, Gospels I, Liturgics I, Field Work, and Technology). We have chapel four times a week on week days. Every service is filled with beautiful singing and the Word. It's so moving to attend chapel. On the weekends, we attend the local churches. At the end of the month we will be assigned to work in a field work congregation.

In the liturgics class we are learning about the worship service and the Lutheran Service Book. In the Gospels class we are studying Matthew.

Thanks again for your prayers and generous support.

*Nayva Kay Mulder, Deaconess Student*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS from the DISTRICT


++**Reminder to Units:** Pay the Delegate Fund money to our Financial Secretary, Sharon Kroeplin. Your Zone Treasurers should have received the monies from Units; however, you may also send your checks directly to Sharon - just note that the check's purpose is "Delegate Fund".

++Please send your **Mites**, Quarterly payments (**remember the subscription rate is now \$5.00 per year for over 10 copies per address, \$6.50 per year for less than 10 per address**), and newsletter quantity changes to our Financial Secretary, **Sharon Kroeplin**.

+++**IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!**

Address and Officer changes should be sent to Communications Sub-committee member, **Debbie Larson**. Addresses for Sharon and Debbie are on the district website: [www.ndlwml.org](http://www.ndlwml.org). Thank you.

## ND District LWML Mission Grants 2010 – 2012

Mission Grant		Amount Budgeted	Amount Paid	Balance as of 10-31-11
Orphan Grain Train – ND Division		\$7,500	\$7,500	\$0
ND Full-time Church Workers' Scholarships		\$35,000	\$28,000	\$7,000
Everyone's Child – Bibles for Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch		\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Pregnancy Help Services – First Choice Clinic		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Food Bank at Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis		\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
Martin Luther School Tuition Assistance		\$5,000		\$5,000
ND Mission Starts (*Partial Funding)		\$8,500		\$8,500
<b>Mission Grants – Total Goal</b>		<b>\$67,000</b>	<b>\$46,500</b>	<b>\$20,500</b>

*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.*