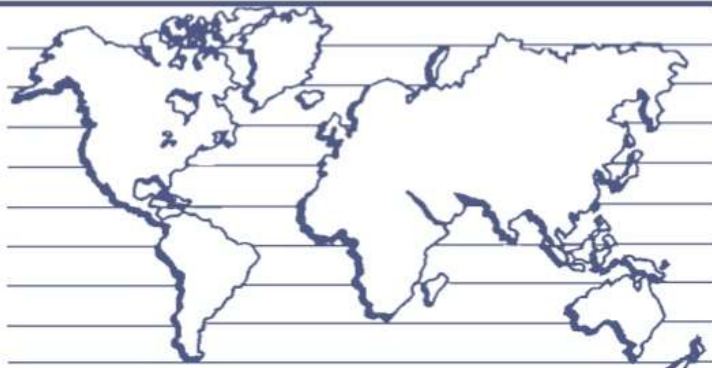


The Messenger

News for Women in Mission



June/July/August/September 2010

"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.

Ladies' Fall Retreat
September 17-19, 2010 Carrington, ND

THORNS



"...I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."
2 Corinthians 12:10

Come to retreat to be refreshed, renewed, refocused, and recharged for living in a thorn-filled world. Ladies of all ages are welcome along with friends and relatives. Heidi Floyd, who was a dearly loved speaker at the National LWML Convention, will be at retreat to delight and encourage us. Big and small Bible study groups led by Rev. Dave Suelzle will build up and enrich our faith in the Lord.

This retreat is sponsored by the LWML for ALL women of ND and their guests. See the *Messenger* at this website: www.ndlwml.org or the president of your women's group for more information.

Bible Study Preview - from our new Jr. Counselor, Pastor David Suelzle

Thorns! Isn't it amazing how a tiny thorn can get lodged under your skin and cause such a huge pain? Most of us have experienced thorns which have been a nuisance to functioning, even for doing basic tasks in a day.



However, there are also those other "thorns" in our lives which prove to be more challenging than simply hindering our functioning in a day. Sometimes the pain they create is more than skin deep, especially when the devil tries to get a foothold in the midst of those "thorns" in an effort to disable us from serving the Lord. In our Bible studies at retreat we will look at the dynamic of "thorns" in our lives based upon 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 in an effort to recognize them, deal with them properly and even use them in further service to our Lord Jesus Christ!

Chieftain Hotel & Conference Center
60 – 4th Avenue South, Carrington, ND
Call for your room reservations
Phone number: 701-652-3131



2010 ZONE FALL RALLIES

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <u>Central:</u> October 9 | Concordia, Jamestown |
| <u>Eastern:</u> October 9 | Grace, Cooperstown |
| <u>Northeast:</u> spring rally only | |
| <u>Northwest:</u> September 25 | St. Mark, Minot |
| <u>Southeast:</u> October 2 | St. John, Belford |
| <u>Southwest:</u> October 2 | St. John, Underwood |



2008-2010 ND

Full-time Church Worker Scholarships —PAID \$30,000

All praise and thanks to God that we have paid in full the \$30,000 grant for scholarships for ND students attending LCMS colleges and seminaries to prepare for full-time work as pastors, teachers, DCEs and deaconesses! We also thank God for these students who have committed themselves to full-time work in God's church and we keep them in our prayers.

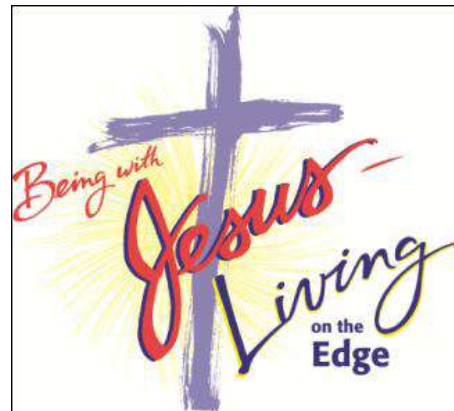
<u>Name</u>	<u>Home Congregation</u>	<u>Yr Completed</u>	<u>Vocation</u>	<u>College</u>
Katie Douglas, Gwinner		Sr, Teacher		Conc--Seward, NE
Adam Hubrig, Hankinson		Jr, Pre-Seminary		Conc--Seward, NE
Jay Schaefer, Fargo		Colloquy, DCE		Conc--Seward, NE
Andrea Jones, Fargo		Soph, Teacher		Conc--St. Paul, MN
Carolyn Walsh, Fargo		Jr, DCO/Teacher		Conc--St. Paul, MN
Brad Bartz, Casselton		Jr, DCE		Conc--St. Paul, MN
Nathan Ragazinskas, Garrison		Vicar, Pastor		Conc--Ft Wayne, IN
Danni Sedlmayr Reher, Fargo		Int, Deaconess		Conc--Ft Wayne, IN
		Installed in Zionsville, IN in July 2010		
Kevin Zellers, West Fargo		1 st year, Pastor		Conc--Ft Wayne, IN
Luke Wolters, Dickinson		2 nd year, Pastor		Conc--St Louis, MO
Jonathon Walla, Fargo		4 th year, Pastor		Conc--St Louis, MO
		Installed in Fairbanks, AK in July 2010		
Dan Suelzle, Hazen		Vicar, Pastor		Conc--St Louis, MO
Mike Suelzle, Hazen		4th year, Pastor		Conc--St Louis, MO
		Installed in Pocatello, ID in July 2010		
Benjamin Baneck, Mandan		Sr, Pre-Seminary		Conc--Mequon, WI
Rebekah Baneck, Mandan		Soph, Teacher		Conc--Mequon, WI
Elena Wolters, Dickinson		Sr, Teacher		Conc--Mequon, WI

We thank you women for the gift of \$5,000--what a blessing! The Lutheran Braille volunteers thank and praise God for working in the hearts of you people throughout North Dakota to give you a willing heart to support the Lutheran Braille Workers which enables us to produce more Christian Braille books for the blind throughout the world. Bless you all.

*Your partners in Christ,
John & Edna Galster
St. Matthew Braille Leaders*

It's Never Too Early to Plan For Summer 2011

The next national LWML Convention will be held **June 23-26, 2011, in Peoria, Illinois.** The theme for the convention is: "Being with Jesus – Living on the Edge." Both the logo and the convention theme are based on these words from Acts: *And they realized they had been with Jesus. "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."* Acts 4:13b & 20 (NKJV)



Look for the next Messenger and the District Website for the ND District's travel coordinator contact and travel plans.

Thank You 'Cards' Received

On behalf of Concordia Theological Seminary, I thank you for your recent contribution (\$5,000). Through this gift, the seminary is able to provide for the daily, physical needs of future church workers and their families. Thanks be to God that He would bless the seminary community through you. We pray that God would continue to bless the labors of your hands and use you as His instrument whereby He blesses others.

*Rev. Brian Mosemann
Dean of Students
Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana*

Pre-Convention Pics

(l to r)

+Delegate Meeting – Standing Room Only!

+Rhonda Hoge, Elli Hoge, Bonnie Kittelson, & Marvis Weiser, *all from Fargo* – waiting for end of Delegate Meeting

+Choir practice – Paulette Huber, Dickinson, director



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2010 District Convention - Photo Gallery



ND District LWML Mission Grants 2010 - 2012

Mission Grant	Amount Budgeted	Amount Paid	Balance <i>as of 7-1-10</i>
Orphan Grain Train – ND Division	\$7,500		\$7,500
ND Full-time Church Workers' Scholarships	\$35,000		\$35,000
Everyone's Child – Bibles for Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch	\$2,000		\$2,000
Pregnancy Help Services – First Choice Clinic	\$5,000		\$5,000
Food Bank at Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis	\$4,000		\$4,000
Martin Luther School Tuition Assistance	\$5,000		\$5,000
ND Mission Starts (*Partial Funding)	\$8,500		\$8,500
Mission Grants – Total Goal	\$67,000		\$67,000

Important Change – Please Take Note!

All mites and other income for the North Dakota District LWML should **now** be sent to:

Sharon Kroeplin, Financial Secretary
13861 - 3rd St SE
Hope, ND 58046
701-945-2428
Sharon.Kroeplin@gmail.com

2010 District Convention Statistics

Children – 7; Young Women – 13; Teens – 4;
1st timers – 25; Friday Worship – 195;
Total attendance: 217

OFFERING TOTALS

Offering #1: **\$1994.66** (toward 2010-12 Mite Goal)
Offering #2: **\$2115.06** (Holy Cross, Bismarck)
Offering #3: **\$1176.38** (Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones, Mexico); and
\$1021.37 (Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, St. John, ND)

PRAISE the LORD – We're well on our way to the biennial goal of \$67,000.00!!

Make sure to explore the NEW and improved District LWML Website:

www.ndlwml.org

“Excel!” - The ND District Leadership Skills Training Conference

Location: [Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads](#)

(Part 1) Oct 27-30, 2010 OR Nov 11-14, 2010

(Part 2) Jan 5-8, 2011 OR Feb 24-27, 2011

(Part 3) Mar 24-27, 2011

A three part process set up for helping leaders to excel in their skills, Excel Leadership Conference features Nehemiah Leadership Institutes materials. Sharpen skills in relationship building, management; recruiting volunteers, communication, people building as you grow in your Christ-Centered lifestyle and identity. Designed for Pastors and Lay Leaders to grow together as a team and to work toward fulfilling God's plan for their respective ministry areas. Please also sign up for week 2 and 3 at this time to reserve your spot. Total cost is \$1195/person. 1/2 (597.50) is due at sign up for week one – week two (298.75) and three (298.75) fees are due one week prior to the event.

During this course you will:

- Be challenged to see and think in new ways
- Gain a clearer vision and direction for your ministry
- Develop a concrete strategy and plan to help it become a reality
- Experience true growth as a leader from the inside out — in your character, attitudes, skills, and habits
- Learn how to give ministry away with confidence
- Learn how to build people and help them succeed
- Discover how you can have more time for you and your family and to pursue your dreams while serving a growing, expanding ministry
- Become a person who draws the best out of all the people around you
- Learn how to live with more purpose and passion and help others to do the same

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.