

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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Attend the LWML North Dakota District:

Register NOW!

FALL RETREAT September 16-18, 2022

Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads in St. John, ND • Theme: "Consecrated" • Registration: \$70

- Guests:** Amy Benham and
Pastor Jones from Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch
- Bible Study
and Worship:** Pastor Chris Waldvogel
- In-Gathering:** Cash and cards for Shepherds Hill.
Mites collected for LWML ND District



An annual women's retreat sponsored by the Lutheran Women Missionary League North Dakota District. All women of the district and their guests are welcome to join us. Registration form on page 6.

*"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born
I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations" (Jeremiah 1:5).*

2022 LWML North Dakota District Election Results

Congratulations to:



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CENTRAL ZONE*:

NORTHWEST ZONE: Nicole Beyersdorf

SOUTHWEST ZONE*:

**Note: There are currently no Nominating Committee members from Central and Southwest Zones.*

The 2022-2024 Biennium Mite Goal:

\$77,500

Details of the 2022-2024 Biennium's Mission Grants are on pages 2 & 3. GFTH Totals and Convention Highlights on pages 4 & 5.

2022 LWML North Dakota District Election Results (continued)

2022–2024 Biennium LWML ND District Mission Grants

\$35,000	✿	ND Full-Time Church Workers Scholarship
\$7,500	✿	Orphan Grain Train Jamestown, ND
\$9,500	✿	Main Street Living North
\$9,000	✿	Shepherds Hill At The Crossroads
\$5,000	✿	Mercy Meals Of North Dakota
\$6,000	✿	Grace Lutheran School Education Grant For Unchurched Student
\$5,000	✿	Food and Clothing Co-op Concordia Seminary Fort Wayne
\$500	✿	Kruse Memorial Chapel Transformation (Partial Funding)

Bylaw Changes Approved

Amendment

Strike “boards” and insert “Offices”

Amendment

Anywhere the bylaws refer to “societies”

Strike “societies” and insert

“LWML group or unit”

President's Message by LaurieAnn Totenhagen

“What’s Your 80?” It has been 80 years since the LWML has been officially an auxiliary. We will be celebrating this milestone at the LWML 2023 Convention in Milwaukee, WI. How have you been celebrating this milestone in your zone or unit? Some zones are making health kits and each unit is responsible for bringing 80 of one item to complete 80 health kits. I would like to hear from each zone or unit what you are doing and we will post them on our Facebook page. For more ideas on how you can have fun ways of celebrating 80 years and doing Mission Projects go lwml.org and click on the “What’s Your 80?” tab. The LWML convention will be June 22–25, 2023 in Milwaukee, WI. We have been invited to join the MN North bus and so far there has been 20 from ND that have indicated they will ride the bus. Let your zone President or me know if you are interested and haven’t signed the form at the LWML Convention in Fargo.

What a wonderful 2022 District convention we had in Fargo. We were blessed with Word and Sacrament, faithful Bible Studies, interesting Mission Speakers, and our surprise video call to the Ukraine Orphanage that was made possible by Kirk Rosin was remarkable. Make sure to check out the highlights of convention in this issue to find your newly elected officers and mission grants for the next biennium. One of those mission grants was to the Food and Clothing Co-op at the Fort Wayne Seminary to be used to purchase food for the students and their families. We moved our youngest and his wife to Fort Wayne this week and I am thankful that they and other seminary students have access to everyday items to help them out.

As I write this July only has a week left and Fall is just around the corner. It is a time for our LWML Retreat and rallies. Our Fall Retreat with the theme of “Consecrated” will be held September 16–18, 2022 at Shepherd’s Hill at the Crossroads near Bottineau. I would encourage you to attend the Retreat and your Fall Zone Rally where we will study the A.C.T.S. of Prayer.

In Christ,

*LaurieAnn
Totenhagen,*

LWML ND District President

WHAT'S YOUR 80?

1942–2022 — 80 Years of God's Grace

In thanksgiving for 80 years of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, each member, group, zone, or district is encouraged to reflect God's love by blessing others with 80 of something, remembering events from the last 80 years, or sharing legacy concepts for carrying forth the LWML mission. Below are some ideas to get you started. Be sure and take a picture of your group's 80. We are planning a montage of your activities at the 2023 LWML Convention in Milwaukee.

Make and Donate:

Personal, Group, Zone, or District 80s:



80 dozen cookies, pies, sandwiches, etc. to first responders or emergency room workers



80 new Chrismos for a Christmas tree



80 Bibles marked for prison ministry



\$80, \$800, or even \$8000 extra mite donation



80 pairs of socks, mittens, hats, or other clothing items to a preschool



80 bottles of water for a sporting event — add a label “Compliments of LWML”

LWML ND DISTRICT Mission Grants For The 2022–2024 Biennium

The mission grants for 2020–2022 were all funded. Praise the Lord for enabling North Dakota LWML'ers to give their mighty mites in support of these projects!

Voting for mission grants was accomplished this year at our Convention in Fargo in June. North Dakota District convention delegates approved the mission grant budget of \$77,500 with the mission projects listed below. Please remember them in your prayers. The Mission Grant committee created a bookmark/prayer listing our current biennium's mission grants so you can track progress & keep the recipients in your prayers. As projects are paid, the chart on the webpage will be updated. Visit the web page often at ndlwml.org.

LWML ND DISTRICT MISSION GRANT 2022–2024 BIENNIUM	TOTAL	PAID	BALANCE
MG 2201 — ND Full-Time Church Workers Scholarship	\$35,000	0	0
MG 2202 — Orphan Grain Train Jamestown, ND	\$7,500	0	0
MG 2211 — Main Street Living North	\$9,500	0	0
MG 2217 — Shepherds Hill At The Crossroads	\$9,000	0	0
MG 2203 — Mercy Meals Of North Dakota	\$5,000	0	0
MG 2216 — Grace Lutheran School Education Grant For Unchurched Student	\$6,000	0	9
MG 2209 — Food And Clothing Co-Op Concordia Seminary Fort Wayne	\$5,000	0	0
MG 2207 — Kruse Memorial Chapel Transformation (Partial funding)	\$500	0	0
2022–2024 Biennium Mission Grant Total:	\$77,500	0	\$77,500

The following projects were also on the ballot but were not voted to be funded. Please remember them in your prayers that their work may continue and find funding from other sources. If your unit at Christmas or other times during the year gives gifts please remember the needs of these projects that were not funded. If you need more information about any of these project, please contact me.

email: missiongrants@ndlwml.org

MG 2204 — Christ The Way Radio Ministry Jamestown, ND

MG 2205 — Bringing Spanish Bibles To Central And South America


LWML ND District delegates also voted for partial funding of:

MG 2207 — Kruse Memorial Chapel Transformation


VP Mission Grants, *Jane Corwin*



Lutheran Women's Missionary League
40th Biennial Convention
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin



Celebrate the
Lord of the Nations
 Psalm 33:12-13



June 22-25, 2023

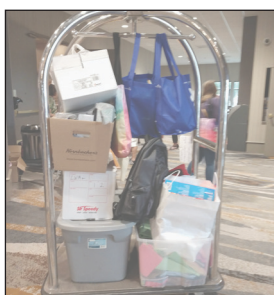
The 2022 LWML ND District Convention Highlights



theme was “Cross-Eyed ... Focused on Jesus.”

We were inspired and uplifted by worship, Bible study led by Rev. Dave Suelzle, our Senior Pastoral Counselor; mission speakers, Rev. Robert & Kristi Roegner of Apple of His Eye Mission Society; keynote speaker, Jan Struck; entertainer & song leader, WendySue Fluegge; and speaker Michelle Jenks who serves on the national LWML Board of Directors. President LaurieAnn Totenhagen opened the convention meeting and led delegates in voting — making decisions on the mite goal, mission grants, amendments, and new officers for the 2022–2024 Biennium.

How blessed we were to come together again after remote voting in 2020! We shared great food and fellowship Friday evening, with our meal sponsored by Grace Lutheran and Eastern Zone. Saturday’s meals were catered by the Delta Hotel.



Servant Events ... Many women took part in several opportunities to serve at convention, such as Convention Choir, Mercy Meals, creating meals for others, and bringing donations of school supplies for Grace Lutheran School and gift cards for the Women’s Care Center. LWML units raised mites for mission at local congregations. Here are some totals from our convention:

Offering Totals:

Offering #1 — **Mites - \$2,076.87**

Offering #2 — **Apple of His Eye - \$1,681.00**

Offering #3 — **Orphan Grain Train - \$2,177.22**

Gifts From The Heart

The final tally of donations were: **Grace Lutheran School** — 695 school supply items. **Bethel Comfort Quilts** — 2 totes of materials and 3 quilts. **Women’s Care Center** — \$680 in gift cards, and the **YWCA** — 294 hygiene items.

“Cross-Eyed ... Focused On Jesus”

First-Time Attendee Thoughts ... I had the privilege to attend the ND convention this June. Having never been to an LWML convention before, I wasn't quite sure what to expect. However, it was a joy to spend time digging into God's Word with a reminder to be “cross-eyed” while also conversing with those who have benefitted from our donated mites. However, for me the best part was connecting with women (and a few men) across the state who share the same passion for living genuinely in the faith. We're already talking about how we can get a group to the next convention!

Brianna Isaak, Grace Lutheran Church Fargo

Fashion of the Ages



We thank you!



10 Years of Serving the Lord with Gladness!



Thank you, Karen Lougheed, for 10 years of service operating the LWML Store!



2022 LWML North Dakota District

FALL RETREAT

Friday, September 16 — Sunday, September 18, 2022
Shepherd's Hill At The Crossroads in St. John, ND

Shepherd's Hill Lodging: \$70 • Registration Cost \$70

"Consecrated"

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations" (Jeremiah 1:5).

Come! Hear! Study! and reflect on God's Word with our LWML sisters, as Pastor Chris Waldvogel leads us in our Bible Study on Jeremiah 1:5, "CONSECRATED." Our guest speakers from Dakota Boys Ranch and Amy Benham introduces us to horse therapy.

Retreat Schedule: Friday Evening:

5:00 Registration
• Fun activities planned
• Bonfire — s'mores!
• Bring-a-snack to share

Saturday Morning:

7:30–9:00 Breakfast
8:00–9:15 Registration
9:15 Opening
9:30–11:45 Bible Study
11:45–1:45 Lunch
1:45–4:00 Bible Study,
Break, Speaker

Saturday Afternoon

4:00 Meditation Walk
5:30 Supper
Saturday Evening
Bible Journaling
Make Encouragement
Cards
Evening Vespers
Sing-Along

Sunday Morning:

7:30–8:45 Breakfast
9:00 Church
10:00 Closing

SHOPPING
AT OUR
LWML STORE!

BRING YOUR BIBLE
AND MITES!

BRING SOME
WARM CLOTHES!

Accommodations: \$70 — For lodging at Shepherds Hill, contact & pay Pastor Bonine directly at (701) 244-5225 or go to www.shretreat.org • 502 Shepherd's Hill Drive; St. John, ND 58369
Lodging available for 65 people at Shepherd's Hill At The Crossroads

In-Gathering: Shepherds Hill: cards (VISA, etc.), checks or cash
Dakota Boys Ranch: art supplies, paper (plain or construction), notebooks (no wire), color markers (alcohol free; scent free), crayons, paint, etc.

Registration Cost: \$70 — Includes 4 meals. Make check payable to LWML North Dakota District. Fill out form and mail to Kim Kuhlmann. See below.

For any questions on accommodations, call Kathy Rubbert — (701) 460-0747 • Deadline is September 10

(trim and mail)



2022 LWML NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT FALL RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM



Mail registration with payment to: **Kim Kuhlmann, 2402 N 4th St., Bismarck, ND 58503**

Phone: **(701) 320-0493**

Confirm registration by email or USPS: **k_kuhlmann@hotmail.com**

Make \$70 registration check payable to: **LWML North Dakota District**

LWML Unit/Church: _____

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____ **Email:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Emergency Contact: _____ **Relationship:** _____ **Phone:** _____

List dietary restrictions (food allergies, etc.) _____

Memorials and Honorariums April – July 2022

MEMORIALS:

Anna Biberdorf
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Patricia Duerr
Benjamin Gauger
Dorothy Kaler
Joel Kroeger

Rodney Lentz
Kathy Riley
Pastor Edward Rutter
Rev. Bernie Seter
Bruno Tesch
Lorraine Trinka

Arlen Willprecht
David Woodbury
Virginia Zietlow
anonymous gift

HONORARIUMS:
Bonnie Krenz



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.



Pastoral Counselor Message by Rev. Christopher Waldvogel, Sr. Counselor

 I may be a former journalist, but I'm still a sucker for an odd or amusing news story. So I couldn't help clicking on this recent headline: **“Bull In A China Shop: Bull Goes On A Shopping Spree In Downtown Park Rapids.”**



Valley News Live reported that this naughty bovine spent 45 minutes moooving on Main Street before finally kowtowing to its owner. Police blocked streets so people could safely corral the animal. Cowtastrophe averted!

We sinners run like bulls in a china shop. We indulge the domineering, self-centered, self-righteous and self-possessed sinful nature. We see red, charge ahead and break God's commands while trampling on God's creation and creatures. What a mess!

But God doesn't let sin and death win the day! He doesn't let these enemies completely consume His creation. After the fall into sin, God barred the way to the tree of life *“lest man reach out his hand and live forever in a fallen state. God drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden, He placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life* (Genesis 3:22–24).



With the tree of life now beyond man's reach, God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son to take on flesh and accomplish the restoration and salvation of mankind. Jesus does this not by charging forward His own way, but by perfectly obeying the Father's will and becoming obedient unto death. Jesus does this “by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life might also arise again and that the serpent, who overcame by the tree of the garden, might likewise, by the tree of the cross, be overcome,” (Proper Preface for Holy Week).

You have been united to Jesus in your baptism. You have been buried and raised with Him. The tree of the cross is part of your story! Paul puts it this way: *“We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus,”* (Romans 6:6–11).

By the power of His Gospel, our Lord placed you under His charge, not your own bull-headed ways. Jesus changes everything! *“Sin no longer has dominion over you because you are not under law, but under grace!”* (Romans 6:14).

Cowtastrophe averted! Thanks be to God!

— *Pastor Christopher Waldvogel*, Sr. Counselor of the ND District LWML

Upcoming Dates

Zone Activities

Fall Zone Rallies

Central: Oct. 8, 2022 at Concordia in Jamestown
Eastern: at Trinity Lutheran in Hope
NE:
NW: Oct. 8, 2022 at Peace Lutheran in Garrison
SE: at Zion Lutheran in Gwinner
SW: Oct. 8, 2022 at Redeemer in Dickinson

District & National

Make Plans For Upcoming Events:

- **BOD Transition/Planning Meeting** — Aug. 20, 2022 at Concordia Lutheran in Jamestown
- **LWML ND District Fall Retreat** — September 16–18, 2022— Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroad, St. John, ND
- **LWML Convention** — June 22–25, 2023 in Milwaukee, WI

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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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