



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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National and District "Mighty Mites"



National Mission Grant, **Expanding God's Love in Uganda** — LCMS Office of International Mission, Africa Region — \$92,000. The Lutheran Church of Uganda (LCU) is a steadily growing church body in eastern Africa, which locally trains deaconesses so they may assist the small number of Lutheran pastors throughout Uganda to teach the faith, provide spiritual care, and show mercy to the communities. The grant provides local training to qualified women who would not be able to travel to Kenya for a two-year program, and to the church. It also allows for a land purchase attached to the established Lutheran Theological College Uganda, fencing, and a small dormitory for the women.

National LWML Mission Goal Exceeded!

\$2,275,684.75

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). All 150 of the LCU congregations have many children. Half of the population is under eighteen and it is very common for at least half of the congregation to be children. There is a strong need for teaching the faith to families throughout Uganda. Ugandans value education and want their children to know Jesus, and the parents want to be confident in correctly teaching their children about Jesus. Deaconesses dedicated to teaching Christian education, greatly assist the pastors, as well as preparing the next generation for service in the church. Their presence also helps the LCU become more well known in their communities as the mercy work is always connected to Christ through the LCU.



LWML North Dakota District Mission Project, **Mercy Meals of North Dakota** — \$5,000. Mercy Meals of North Dakota was established by the board of Orphan Grain Train Branch #9 in the Spring of 2015 as a method of obtaining and providing food for the support of their mission projects overseas. Based in Jamestown, Mercy Meals of North Dakota brings the mission opportunity to various North Dakota organizations and communities by setting up a packing event in any location where there are willing volunteers to help. We are a satellite of the Mercy Meals organization operating out of Norfolk, NE in association with Orphan Grain Train, Inc. which is an RSO of the LCMS. We desire to ease the burden of hunger for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are in need by showing the love of Christ through the preparation of nutritious and low-cost meals. The Mercy Meals of North Dakota grant money is used primarily to purchase supplies for packing events for groups that are not able to raise funds to help pay for the supplies and gives them the opportunity to participate. Some funds are also used for equipment upgrade and replacement, and various office supply costs.

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President's Message by LaurieAnn Totenhagen



Alleluia! He is Risen! What a glorious statement we can make. In our black and sinful world, we have One who purchased us with His Holy, innocent, and precious blood. We are made whiter than snow. He died for the whole nation. He is Lord of the Nations!

Join us in Milwaukee June 22–25, 2023 as we “Celebrate the Lord of the Nations”. Milwaukee is ready and excited to have us as guests as we hear His Word and receive His very body and blood with our sisters and brothers in Christ. We will hear about how the Lord has blessed the LWML with your mighty Mites to help spread the Gospel through His Word and Mission Grants.

We will be voting on new Mission Grants and Mission Goal for our next biennium. We will also be voting for new officers to do the Lord’s work through the LWML. The LWML has been truly blessed to have been able to fund all of the last biennium’s grants. Thanks be to God! We will hear from some of our Mission Grant recipients.

We will be led in Bible Study during the convention as well as have an awesome opportunity to start the day with early morning Bible Studies at the convention hall. We have about 58 from ND attending the convention and there is still some room on the bus. Please contact Renee Johnson bylaws@ndlwml.org. Grab your sister, mother, or friend and hop on the bus or travel by car to Milwaukee.

Check out lwml.org >News & Events>Convention Central for registration and information on the Mission Grants, Speakers, In-Gatherings, Servant Events, Mission Walk, Early Morning Bible Studies, Luncheon Speakers, and more.

Also, look for information on our Fall Retreat to be held September 15–17, 2023 at Devils Lake. Our speaker will be Rev. Chris Durham of Redeemer, Lisbon. He will lead us in a study ‘Angels...Truth & Myths.’

God’s blessings to you and I hope to see many of you in Milwaukee!

Alleluia! He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

Serving the Lord with Gladness,
President, *LaurieAnn Totenhagen*



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Memorials and Honorariums January – April 2023

MEMORIALS:

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| Rev. Robert Rowan | Lori Glien | |
| Tracie Ruch | Jeremiah Medenwald | Donna Marohl |
| Cleo Schmidt | Arlene Klug | anonymous |
| Loretta Heyd | Josephine Aarfor (2) | Doris Wolsky |



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.



LWML ND District Mission Grant News by Sue Corwin

At the November Board of Director meeting these grants were approved to be paid when mite dollars are available. The first \$8,500 of the Full-time Church Work Scholarship, \$3,500 for Orphan Grain Train, \$4,750 for Main Street Living and \$4,500 for Shepherds Hill At The Crossroads. Praise God for providing the mites to pay all these mission projects.

At the February Board of Directors meeting the following grants were approved to be paid when mite dollars are available.

\$8,500 to NORTH DAKOTA CHURCH WORKER SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENT

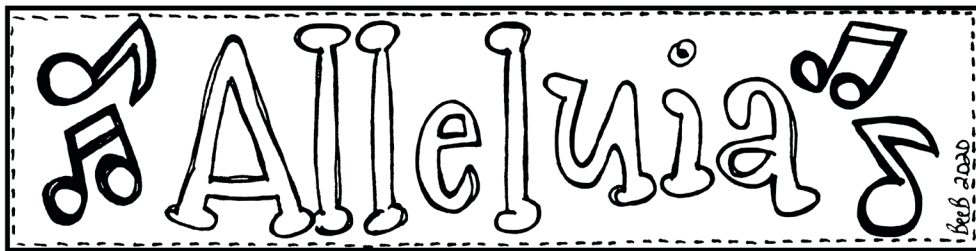
\$5,000 to MERCY MEALS OF NORTH DAKOTA

\$6,000 to GRACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL EDUCATION GRANT

| LWML ND DISTRICT MISSION GRANT 2022—2024 BIENNIUM | TOTAL | PAID | BALANCE |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| MG 2201 — ND Full-Time Church Workers Scholarship | \$35,000 | \$8,500 | \$26,500 |
| MG 2202 — Orphan Grain Train Jamestown, ND | \$7,500 | \$7,500 | 0 |
| MG 2211 — Main Street Living North | \$9,500 | \$9,500 | 0 |
| MG 2217 — Shepherds Hill At The Crossroads | \$9,000 | \$9,000 | 0 |
| MG 2203 — Mercy Meals Of North Dakota | \$5,000 | 0 | \$5,000 |
| MG 2216 — Grace Lutheran School Education Grant For Unchurched Student | \$6,000 | 0 | \$6,000 |
| MG 2209 — Food And Clothing Co-Op Concordia Seminary Fort Wayne | \$5,000 | 0 | \$5,000 |
| MG 2207 — Kruse Memorial Chapel Transformation (Partial funding) | \$500 | 0 | \$500 |
| 2022—2024 Biennium Mission Grant Total: | \$77,500 | \$34,500 | \$43,000 |

Now is the time to starting planning for grant proposals for the 2024–2026 I know that seems a long ways off but the time will pass quickly. The proposals will need to be submitted by September 2023 and that is only six months away. The grant proposal forms can be found on the North Dakota District LWML website at NDLWML.org. If you need help with the forms, please contact me and I will help you.

VP Mission Grants, *Sue Corwin*



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ND District Banner

Our North Dakota District Board of Directors have chosen the banner theme: “Lord Of All Creation.” At the Board of Directors meeting in March, the final design, by Peggy Rothchild was chosen for the banner and she has volunteered to craft our district’s banner. This banner will represent North Dakota District at the national LWML Convention to be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in June of 2023. The banner will also be used again at our ND District LWML Convention in Bismarck in 2024.

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him (Colossians 1:16).

Save-The-Date For ND District Fall Retreat 2023

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE LWML ND DISTRICT




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FALL RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2023

ANGELS ... TRUTH & MYTH

DEVILS LAKE, ND

 **Need some joy in your morning routine? Add God's Word.** It might surprise you how often people wake up on the wrong side of the bed. According to a 2019 survey of 2,000 Americans, it happens 300 days out of the year — about six times a week! That's right. We muster a measly 65 days per year in which we happily welcome the day ahead.

Maybe cold weather, a late night, money woes, family worries, stress at your job or a combination of factors keep you lamenting under the covers. But what gets you going? What brings you out of your funk? A quick shower, brisk jog, or pricey "coffee" from Starbucks might provide a quick fix, but they don't seem to be offering a long-term solution to the root of the problem. **Moses writes of God: "Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days," (Psalm 90:14).**



Revived by God's Word, we rejoice that God created, ordered and numbered our days; we are glad all our days for they are a gift from Him. God alone bestows on us life and breath and pours out His goodness in abundance. Everything to support this body and life comes as an undeserved blessing from His hand.

Yet each day brings toil and trouble because we live in a fallen, broken world corrupted by man's fall into sin. And in our own corruption, we easily forget the lovingkindness God showers on us every day. Our Old Adam grouches about life's sorrows, easily forgetting all the joy we have in the Lord. **Moses continues: "Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil," (Psalm 90:15).**

Amid our numerous grumpy awakenings, God's Word awakens our gladness in the Lord. Not only do the Scriptures remind us of our many undeserved earthly blessings, they point us to Christ in whom all of God's promises are fulfilled. In Christ, we have the forgiveness of sins, the restoration of the fallen creation and the reversal of the curse. In Jesus, we truly see our fleeting days of sorrow coming to a permanent close.

Start each day with God's Word. Within its pages, God speaks of His unwavering love for you in Christ. A daily dose of Scripture helps put things in perspective that in Christ, your cause for joy far outweighs your cause for sorrow. The Gospel's Spirit-laden power reveals God's salvation in Christ for you and in you and graciously grants **Moses' request: "Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!" (Psalm 90:16-17).**

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

 **Bus To Convention** 

What better way to travel to Milwaukee than with a bus load of amazing women all attending the LWML Convention. Minnesota North District has chartered two buses and they have graciously allowed the ND District to hop on the bus from Fargo. Plans are to leave Fargo on the morning of Wednesday, June 21st, pick up passengers at a few stops on the way and arrive in Milwaukee late afternoon/early evening. The bus will drop all of us off at the front door of our hotel (which hasn't been assigned yet), and will take us to the doors of the convention hall every morning of the convention, and back again to our hotel in the evenings. Leaving Fargo on Wednesday will allow everyone to take opportunity of early sightseeing, servant events and more on Thursday prior to opening ceremonies.

Upon the close of convention on Sunday, the bus will get back on the road early afternoon, staying Sunday evening at another hotel along the route, and will return to Fargo on Monday, June 26th.

Approximate cost of the transportation is \$200 per person, with additional costs for hotels. There is still time to reserve a seat on the bus.

Contact Renee Johnson ASAP if you would like to join us. 701.263.1270 or bylaws@ndlwml.org.



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Your Guide to Submitting a District Grant Proposal

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LWML NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT MISSION GRANT PROPOSALS

Mission grant proposals shall be submitted in resolution form to the Vice President of Mission Grants by September 30 prior to the District convention. Proposals may be submitted by LWML members, societies, units, zones and LCMS Boards. (Bylaws Article XV, Section1) Ministries seeking funding should:

- be mission in emphasis, extending the ministry of the Word;
- fit into the plans and projections of the LCMS;
- be current and ready for implementation;
- be on-going in nature, continuing after the grant money has been expended

STEPS TO FOLLOW

- Research the project thoroughly.
- Does it fall within the framework of the criteria for LWML mission grants?
- LWML Mission Grant Criteria are:
 - * Must be mission in emphasis - extending the ministry of the Word
 - * Must fit into the plans and projections of the LCMS
 - * Must be current and ready for implementation within the next two years
 - * Must be well-documented (must be able to answer all questions on Proposal Form)
- Speak or write to the people involved. Ask such questions as:
 1. Are there other funding sources? If this is a partial funding, who will fund the remainder?
 2. Will continued support be assured after the District LWML monies from this grant are expended?
 3. Who will be the contact person if the project is adopted?
 4. Will this person implement, administer the funds and conduct the follow-up? If not, who will?
 5. How many people will benefit from this project?
 6. Is there continued maintenance and support once the project has begun

WRITING THE PROPOSAL

Prepare the cover sheet of your mission grant proposal, including the following items:

- Name of grant or mission project
- Location of project
- Amount requested
- Name and address of person submitting proposal
- Name and address information of the person within the project to whom the funds will be sent.

Prepare a separate detailed information paper (single-sided, single-spaced, maximum length 2 pages) about the ministry. The information should include:

- Project goal
- Needs
- Purpose for which funds will be used
- Tentative date funds will be used
- Budget and cost information
- Are there similar existing programs in your area? What? Where?
- How does your program differ, broaden or support?
- Staff description: Who? How many? Qualifications?
- Long term maintenance & sustainability
- Additional reasons you feel this project is important
- Other comments or information.

Prepare a proposal in resolution form. Be concise and specific. Start with a purpose/goal statement. Include ministry needs, amount of funds requested and purpose for which the money will be used.

(Example)

WHEREAS, Christ in His Holy Word has instructed parents to bring up their children in the way of the Lord and has asked that little children be brought to Him; and

WHEREAS, JC Christian School is a necessary mission field in a new neighborhood and has already drawn new members to the LCMS church; and

WHEREAS, Bible-based materials vastly expand the Christian knowledge of our children; and

WHEREAS, up-to-date video equipment enhances learning capabilities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lutheran Women's Missionary League ND District in convention in Fargo, ND in June 2024 grant \$5,000 to JC Christian School for the purchase of audio-visual equipment and new Bible-based textbooks.



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Your Guide to Submitting a District Grant Proposal (continued from page 5)

Prepare 5–8 photos to be included with the proposal, either on a CD or to be sent electronically.

- Choose pictures that best illustrate your grant and communicate your mission.
- Write a short description for each photo.

The grant proposal must be submitted by September 30, 2023 to the Vice President of Mission Grants either as an email attachment with photos to: *missiongrants@ndlwml.org* OR 6 (six) copies and a CD of photos mailed to: Sue Corwin, 1811 6th Ave SW #12, Jamestown, ND 58401. After recommendation by the Mission Grants Committee, approval for ballot by the LWML ND Board of Directors and vote by the delegates in convention in June 2024, you will be contacted by July 1, 2024 as to whether or not your mission project has been chosen for funding. God bless you as you continue in His Word & work!

Thank you for submitting this proposal and please continue to support all of the mission projects with your prayers and your mites.

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LWML NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT MISSION GRANT PROPOSAL

Name of grant/project: _____

Location of grant: _____

LCMS? Yes OR No — OR — Recognized Service Organization (RSO)? Yes OR No _____

Amount requested: \$ _____

Name of LWML member/unit/zone/LCMS Board submitting project for grant: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of contact person within the project: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

If your project is selected, to whom should the check(s) be issued? _____

To whom should the check be sent? _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

ND District — Zone Spring Rallies



LWML ND District SW Zone spring Rally on Saturday, April 15, 2023 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Mandan. In-gathering benefiting Shepherds Hill at the Crossroads in St John, ND. Bible Study, "The Heavens Declare His Glory," was led by Rev. Dennis Voss. Guest Speaker was Rev. Jon Bonine: "What's happening at Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads." An art project was provided by our Sunday School Director for children that attended. Submitted by: Joyce Voss



The Eastern Zone LWML Spring Rally was held April 15 at Beautiful Savior, Fargo, with 54 in attendance. Pastor Allen Kramp gave the Bible study "Bloom and Grow Where God Puts You" which was the theme for the Rally. Kelly Krenzel from Hope Blooms gave an interesting talk about Hope Blooms (a budding nonprofit that re-purposes donated flowers and delivers them to community members in need) and how Kelly started her business. There was an interactive activity of making flower arrangement, writing joy cards and cutting twine. The in-gathering items were collected for Hope Blooms. Lunch was served by the LWML ladies of Beautiful Savior. Submitted by: Shirley Elsner



WHAT'S YOUR 80?

1942—2022 — 80 Years of God's Grace



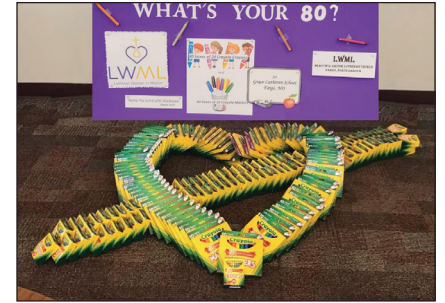
Pictured with the socks: Valerie Biberdorf, Audrey O'Brien, and Sue Corwin. Also pictured are the 671 pairs of socks. We give thanks and praise to the Lord for the generous hearts of the ladies of the LWML ND District Central Zone!! They Socked it!!



Using "What's Your 80?" the Central Zone President, Audrey O'Brien, hopped for 80 pairs of socks. She was bamboozled with thanks and praise for the 671 pairs of new socks, in all sizes, which were given to the Orphan Grain Train. Submitted by: Audrey O'Brien



The quilters of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Fargo quilted 80 small quilts for Woman's Care Center and another 80 for Gigi's Playhouse!



Beautiful Savior also celebrated 80 years of LWML by donating 80 sets of Crayola Crayons and Markers for Grace Lutheran School. Submitted by: Shirley Elsner



For "What's Your 80?", our Unit presented an \$80 check to our local school district to use in the hot lunch program for anyone who is unable to pay for lunch. Pictured are Lynn Helm, St. John's Lutheran LWML President, presenting the \$80 check to our local school district manager, Faye Hagen. Submitted by: Lynn Helm.



In Thanksgiving for 80 years of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, the LWML of Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Bottineau, along with the congregation, collected 85 winter hats, scarves, mittens and socks to commemorate the Anniversary of the LWML organized in 1942! These items were donated to the North Dakota Orphan Grain Train and were shipped over to the Ukraine to keep the children of Jesus warm during the devastating war going on there. We are blessed to be a blessing to those in need! Submitted by: Avonne Gessner



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Upcoming Dates

Zone Activities

Fall Zone Rallies:

Central: October 7, 2023 in Jamestown
Eastern: Sept. 30, 2023 at First American Lutheran Church in Mayville.
NW: October 14, 2023 in Minot
SE: (Date TBA) at Holy Cross in Lidgerwood
All other Zones: (TBA)

District & National

- **LWML Convention** — June 22–25, 2023 in Milwaukee, WI
- **ND LWML Fall Retreat** — September 15–17, 2023 in Devil's Lake, ND

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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).