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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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MILWAUKEE MUSINGS

by Paulette Huber, ND District • LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin • June 2023



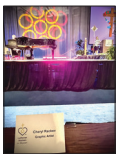
“Lord of the Nations”, a celebratory theme,
40th Biennial Convention, now but a dream!
To Milwaukee, Wisconsin they came from afar,
By Air, Train, Bus, Bike, and Car.



We were not disappointed, convention was great!
We prayed, listened, laughed, and of course we ate.
God blessed our convention with a spirit of joy,
The Word through the LWML to employ.



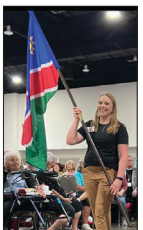
Exhibits, shopping, and authors to meet,
With books and Bible studies that just can't be beat.
A Celebration Service began the Convention,
4,000 people singing with heavenly intention!



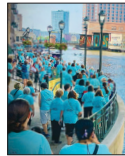
News came out in a “Chronicle” each day,
Our dear sister, Cheryl, would beautifully display
Her graphics, her talents, her team — what a crew,
Doing it all for the Lord and Me and You!



Melissa, Beth, and Emma, our YWRs,
Carrying the banner, a flag, not too far,
Excited to carry the LWML Mission
To the next generation, what an ambition!



Mission speakers amaze with their stories of hope
Of those who will benefit
from the mites that we drop,
People in countries abroad and home too,
Will hear of the gospel and heaven anew!



The Mite Walk took off in a sea of blue,
Walking downtown Milwaukee, a beautiful view!
Later, we walked to the Hofbrau so near,
Quite famous in this city for it's specialty beer.



LaVerne and Shirley gave us all a good laugh,
Their lingo and Ali's big debut made us “split in half!”
President Debbie led us in a more serious way,
With strength and endurance for each special day.
(Thank you dear Debbie, God's work will not end,
We're so proud of your service, our “ND” friend!)



My friend, a roommate, on a “Deb Burma” Cruise,
Was elected the President — that made the News!
Eden Keefe, from Kansas, a delightful pal,
So smart, articulate, and a dedicated gal.



Thanks to our delegates, our Board, and Pres. LaurieAnn,
Who organized so well and created a plan
For many to attend and be filled to the brim,
Working tirelessly so all could hear the Word from Him.



Goodbye, dear friends, Convention is “spent!”
From the “Lord of the Nations”, now we are sent.
This silly old rhyme that I have set
Is to use for His glory from your sister, Paulette.



President's Message by LaurieAnn Totenhagen

Celebrate the *Lord of the Nations*

I hope you had the opportunity to attend the LWML 40th Biennial Convention in Milwaukee in June or was able to take in the live stream. There was a total of 3,550 women (and men) who attended the convention. 57 attended from the North Dakota District arriving by bus, car, and plane. Representing our district as voting delegates were Nayva Mulder, Janee Brendemuhl, Renee Johnson, Paula Martin, Valerie Hauschild, and Tisha Lopez. Joyce Voss embroidered our district identifiers which was the shape of ND and the state flower and bird represented. They are beautiful and I am thankful that Joyce created them.



The convention convened on Thursday with opening worship with communion. What a blessing to receive Christ's Word and Sacrament with our fellow Christian sisters and brothers from all over the nation. Our Pastoral Counselor Rev. Michael Suelzle participated with other clergy with distribution of our Lord's Supper.

Friday the convention reconvened with the opening banner procession. Our banner was designed and crafted by Peggy Rothchild. You may see the gallery of banners at lwmf.org under convention central. I was accompanied by our three YWRs in the procession. Our YWRs are Melissa Sutton, Beth Suelzle, and Emma Parkman. These ladies were kept busy throughout the convention weekend before, during, and after convention sessions. We look forward to hearing their report at our LWML North Dakota District convention June 21–23, 2024.

Friday and Saturday were full of bible studies, mission speakers, mites in action speakers, voting for our new 2023–2025 Mission Grants and new leadership. Along with the important business that needed to be conducted we were delighted with singing, entertainment, humorous interrupters, rekindling of old friends and making new ones. There is so much more that happens at convention, that I cannot possibly express it all. I invite you to attend the next LWML convention in Omaha, June of 2025. It will be exciting to see what new mission grants that we, Lutheran Women in Mission, prayerfully choose.

Sunday's session concluded with our sending service. What a glorious way to end convention and head home with the Word of God preached to us. We said our farewells to our friends new and old with promises to see each other in Omaha in June of 2025.

I look forward to seeing many of our ladies **September 15–17, 2023 in Devil's Lake for our Fall Retreat**. See this issue for the registration where we will be led in study of **"Angels...Truth or Myths"** by Rev. Christopher Durham, Redeemer-Lisbon.

Plans are under way for our **LWML ND District convention in Bismarck June 21–23, 2024** where we will **"Celebrate the Lord of All Creation."** Look for more information in future issues of *The Messenger*.



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

Memorials and Honorariums April – June 2023

MEMORIALS:

Mavis Stibal	Edythe Mittleider
Dee Pavicic (2)	Ruth Asche (2)
Doris Wolsky	Ella Mae Neumiller (2)



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.



Photo contributors for this issue of *The Messenger* are Dolly Pfau, Kim Kuhlmann, Laurie Rubbert, LaurieAnn Totenhagen, Cheryl Rackov, Ali Arndt, Renee Johnson and Melissa Sutton. Photos used with permission.

LWML ND District Mission Grant News by Sue Corwin

Do you know of an organization who could benefit from the prayers and mites of the LWML North Dakota District? As of June 15, the Mission Grant Committee has received zero grant proposals. There is not much time left to apply, and the LWML ND District Mission Grants Committee is eagerly awaiting your grant application for the next biennium. **Applications are due by September 30, 2023 and available at ndlwml.org.**

We are looking for recipients who are Lutheran Church Missouri Synod entities or who have Recognized Service Organization Status with the LCMS. Our bylaws state: Ministries seeking funding should (1) be mission in emphasis, extending the ministry of the Word; (2) fit into the plans and projections of the LCMS; (3) be current and ready for implementation; (4) be on-going in nature, continuing after the grant money has been expended. I would love to help anyone who has an idea for a mission grant request. Please contact Sue Corwin, Vice President of Mission Grants at missiongrants@ndlwml.org if you need help. Applications needed for LWML ND District 2024–2026 Mission Grants.

VP Mission Grants, *Sue Corwin*

LWML ND DISTRICT MISSION GRANT 2022–2024 BIENNIUM	TOTAL	PAID	BALANCE
MG 2201 — ND Full-Time Church Workers Scholarship	\$35,000	\$17,000	\$18,000
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	\$43,000	\$34,500

NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT MISSION GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Applications are available at ndlwml.org. Apply now!

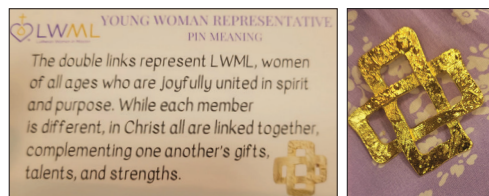
ND District and Our Young Woman Representatives

Our wonderful Young Women Representatives attending the Milwaukee Convention were Melissa Sutton (St. Paul's, Minot), Beth Suelzle (St. Andrew's, Niagara) and Emma Parkman (Beautiful Savior, Fargo). We await hearing of their Milwaukee convention experience at the ND District convention in June, 2024!



The North Dakota District was well represented at convention with a total of 57 from ND attending the Milwaukee Convention June 22–25, 2023!

Pictured are Melissa Sutton, Beth Suelzle, Emma Parkman receiving their YWR pins from President LaurieAnn Totenhagen. The pinning ceremony took place during the ND District caucus at the Milwaukee convention.



ND District Banner

“Lord Of All Creation” (Colossians 1:16) is the theme of our ND District banner used at the Milwaukee convention, designed and created by Peggy Rothchild. Peggy is a member at Bethlehem St. John in Upham, ND. This banner will also be used again at the LWML ND District Convention June 21–23, 2024 at the Ramada in Bismarck.



Pictured are all of the NW Zone ladies who were at the convention. They are: Sandy Matehs (Bethlehem-St. John), Dolly Pfau (St. Mark's, Minot), Laurie Rubbert (Bethlehem-St. John), Renee Johnson (St. Mark's, Minot), and Melissa Sutton (St. Paul's, Minot).

United in Christ Message by Rev. Micheal Suelzle, Jr. Pastoral Counselor



“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in His flesh the dividing wall of hostility ...” (Ephesians 2:13–14).

Our culture loves to talk about diversity. In entertainment. In business. In education. The culture thinks that it owns the market on diversity. In fact, many in the culture measure success and failure based on diversity. Success is seen as the most diversity in as many ways as possible. For this reason, companies and businesses and even schools have whole departments dedicated toward making themselves look as diverse as possible.

But there is one thing which worldly diversity lacks: unity. We are, by nature, sinful human beings. We live as such in our daily lives. Everyone wants to build things their own way, according to their own rules, and serving their own desires. Sometimes, those desires go in completely opposite directions. And two opposing ideas can't both be held at the same time. Without something to unify, all we are capable of is division.

And yet, the culture believes it can build a society whose unity is determined solely by diversity. But we can see how such diversity is unable to bring unity. There are so many competing ideas and philosophies and theologies out there which are naturally at odds with one another and seek only their own good at the expense of others. So much so that culture is becoming more segmented and segregated each time a major news story hits the internet. Without a firm foundation to unify, such diversity will only continue to divide us.

In Christ, we have just such a firm foundation which unifies us: Jesus Himself. His life, death, and resurrection. In spite of our division between one another. In spite of our separation from God. The Son of God takes upon Himself our flesh and blood to become that which divides us — our sin — and crucify it upon a cross. In doing so, Jesus exchanges our sin with His righteousness so that we might be joined to Him. No longer separated from God because of our iniquities. Rather, forgiven and clothed in a righteousness where we can stand before our Heavenly Father as His beloved children. In Christ, God has joined you to Himself.



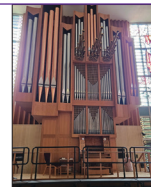
And just as Jesus has joined us to our Heavenly Father by His shed blood, Jesus joins us to one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. Jesus does not build His Church the same way that the world seeks to build society. In the world, unity is measured by diversity. In Christ, diversity is grounded in unity. We all look different and have different skills and abilities. Different cultures and backgrounds. But Christ unites us in Himself. United by His death and resurrection. We share the same Gospel. The same Baptism. The same Truth of God's Word. The same sins which need repentance and forgiveness. The same hope that because Christ is raised from the dead, we too shall be raised to eternal life. All this is ours because Christ made us His!



— *Rev. Micheal Suelzle, Jr.* Pastoral Counselor of the LWML ND District

The Road To Milwaukee *and back!*

Minnesota North District has chartered two buses and they have graciously allowed the ND District to hop on the bus from Fargo. The one charter bus left from Fargo on Wednesday, June 21st and picked up more passengers at Fergus Falls and Alexandria. Lunch stop was at Golden Corral near Minneapolis and we arrived in Milwaukee late at about 6 p.m. Many took part in servant events on Thursday prior to convention opening worship service on Thursday evening.



Upon the close of convention on Sunday, the buses left Milwaukee for Concordia University in Mequon, WI, for a driving tour given by Katie Buss of Concordia. The rain stopped just in time to explore the “Bluffs” hillside amphitheater and walk to the chapel in the center of campus. We drove on to Tomah, WI for Sunday night's stay. Our final 2 stops on Monday were the Ellsworth Cheese Factory in Menomonie, WI and Pizza Ranch for lunch near St. Cloud.



We dropped off those from MN North District in Alexandria, Fergus Falls and finally, at about 5:00 p.m. at Fargo, we dropped off the last passengers. Our thanks to Nadine Drevlow (LWML MN North District) for planning & arranging itinerary as well as Renee Johnson and our talented bus driver, Leif! What a well-planned, affordable, fun bus trip!



Fargo

Milwaukee



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2023 LWML North Dakota District FALL RETREAT

Friday, September 15 — Sunday, September 17, 2023

Fireside Inn and Suites, Devil's Lake, ND

Lodging: \$92.50/night • Retreat Cost \$75

"ANGELS ... TRUTH & MYTHS"

But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor (Hebrews 2:9).

SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2023

GUEST SPEAKER: REV. CHRISTOPHER DURHAM

Schedule:

Friday Evening:

3:00 p.m. Hotel Check-In
5:00-8:00 Complimentary Dinner
7:00 Retreat Check-In
8:00-9:00 Game Time

Saturday:

9:00 a.m. Opening Worship
10:00 Bible Study
11:00 Presentation On Angels
12:00 Lunch

Saturday: (Continued)

1:00 p.m. Presentation On Angels
2:30 Cheryl Nelson, Mission Speaker
3:00 Painting Angels
4:00 Walking Tour
5:30 Dinner
Evening Entertainment
8:30 Vespers And A Sing Along

Sunday Morning:

Check Out Of Hotel
11:00 a.m. Church At St Peters
In Devils Lake.

Be sure to bring the following:

Your Bible

- Light snack to share Friday evening
- Your Mite offering
- Willingness to hear God's Word taught in its truth and purity.
- Walking shoes if you want to enjoy the Historic Walking tour

Lodging: \$92.50 – Fireside Inn & Suites • 215 Highway 2 East, Devils Lake, ND 58301 Phone: 701.662.6760

- Rooms are priced at \$92.50/night make your reservations by August 30th to guarantee this price!
- Each room will fit 2-3 people
- Continental Breakfast & complimentary dinner on Friday
- Pool and hot tub so bring your swimming suits!
- Only 1.5 miles from St. Peters Church

In-Gathering: The Women's Care Center in Devils Lake

- Baby Blankets. We will be tying these please bring fleece material size 34 x 46 inches.
- Diapers size newborn, 5 & 6
- Diaper Wipes
- Bottles
- Pacifiers
- Newborn onesies
- Newborn socks

Retreat Cost: \$75 – Make check payable to LWML North Dakota District. Fill out form below and mail to Melissa Sutton.

(trim and mail form)



2023 LWML NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT FALL RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

Mail registration with payment to: **Melissa Sutton, PO Box 15 Alamo, ND 58830**

Phone: **(701) 641-1783** Confirm registration by email or USPS: **lissasutton@nccray.net**

Make \$75 "Retreat Cost" 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.) _____

Remembering Delores Pavicic

We praise the Lord for the faithful servant, Dee Pavicic, who was called home on April 5, 2023 after 93 years of life. Dee held many positions in the LWML from local to the national and international levels. She served as LWML North Dakota District President, International Vice President Of Mission Service, Editor-In-Chief Of The Lutheran Women's Quarterly, President Of The Lutheran Women's Co-Operating Committee and the Planning Board For The Founding Of The Lutheran Women's Missionary League Of Canada.

A wife, mother, friend, leader and mentor, Dee was dearly loved by her LWML sisters in Christ. With the help of her daughter, Barb Schmitt, and friend, JoAnn Bladow, here are some of their cherished memories of Dee ...



I met Dee at my first LWML retreat at Red Willow Bible Camp. I was totally in awe of this LWML District President, who was there with her baby in a car seat. (This baby, Barb, would later be the Young Woman Representative when I became District President.) Dee cordially welcomed all first time attendees, then went out of her way to spend time with us and a friendship was formed.

Dee was passionate about sharing Christ's love and the LWML. She led by grace, always encouraging others to try new things, more positions in the district and our local units. She was insistent the *local unit* was where the *work* of the LWML was done and held the *future* of the organization.

Dee was a storyteller. She could take an everyday occurrence and turn it into a wonderful story. She had a unique sense of humor and many times you would find yourself bursting out laughing.

She loved to travel and did plenty of it. Her travel stories were the best and would make you feel like you were on the trip. She started Custom Travel and it was no ordinary travel agency. She planned safaris to Africa and the march of the penguins in Antarctica. Her knowledge and planning ability were impeccable.

I am so thankful for Dee, her friendship and her love for the Lord and the ND ladies. If she could, she would probably tell us, *"God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other"* (1 Peter 4:10 TLB). Love, **JoAnn Bladow** (*friend and mentored by Dee*)



Mom always called me her 'LWML baby' because she brought me with her to the North Dakota district conference in the Fall of 1968 — the year she became ND District President. I was about 6 weeks old! To this day, I don't know how she did it, but my mom was Superwoman!

Over the years I attended many district conventions and four international conferences with my mom. I became her assistant and 'gopher' while she was on the Quarterly editorial staff throughout my elementary and middle school years. I remember her telling a story about how some ladies would be surprised she would send me on errands throughout complex convention centers at the ages of 8–10 years old. Mom said she never worried about me. I wouldn't lose my way and I always got the job done; fetching keys, photographers or whatever the request might be!

I remember getting to meet Vice President Walter Mondale behind the scenes — my first experience with Secret Service agents!! I now know those experiences helped build an attitude in me that 'there is always a way; keep my chin up, and I could figure out most anything.' I also learned how much incredible work goes on behind the scenes to pull off any major event — every moment is planned!

In 1989 I had the honor of representing North Dakota at the LWML International convention in Rapid City, SD — "Let Us Seek His Face Always." I have found notes for the speech I prepared for the 1990 LWML ND District convention reporting on my experience. I quoted one of the convention speakers, "The only difference between a puddle and a geyser is enthusiasm." My mom certainly embodied that — enthusiastic and absolutely always assuming all things are possible with God's love.

Barb Schmitt (*Dee's daughter*)



If you have special memories of Dee, take some time to send them to her daughter, Barb Schmitt. She would like to write a book honoring her mom. Barb's email is: bjschmitt1@hotmail.com.

More about the LWML Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League, also known as **Lutheran Women in Mission**, welcomed over 3,500 people to their 40th Biennial Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 22–25, 2023, under the theme “*Celebrate the Lord of the Nations.*” The convention theme was based on Psalm 33:12–13. The new **Mission Goal of \$2,350,000** was made and **31 new Mission Grants** were chosen!

LWML Elects New Leaders to the Board of Directors

The newly elected officers for the 2023–2027 term are:

President: **Eden Keefe**, LWML Kansas District

Vice President of Organizational Resources: **Arlene Naasz**, LWML South Dakota District

Vice President of Special Focus Ministries: **Karol Selle**, LWML North Wisconsin District

Treasurer: **Anita Werner**, LWML Rocky Mountain District

Pastoral Counselor: **Rev. Mark Maas**, LWML Wyoming Dist.

The LWML Nominating Committee Elected for the 2023–2025 Biennium

The newly elected members of the Nominating Committee are: Chairman: **Olajumoke Odedele**, LWML New Jersey District. Committee Members: **Deaconess Betty Knapp**, LWML North Wisconsin Dist.; **Laura Stratman**, LWML Central Illinois District; **Melissa Vance**, LWML South Dakota District; **Roxanne Pieper**, LWML Minnesota South Dist.

The LWML Board of Directors Approved Appointed Officers

The newly Appointed Officers are:

Strategic Plan Facilitator: **Cheryl Mattil**, LWML Texas District

Meeting Manager: **Leslie Colligan**, LWML New England District

Public Relations Director: **Debbie Yocky**, LWML Rocky Mountain Dist.

Thank You for Your Generous Support

Convention offerings, the Mission Pledge Walk, and Tee Up for Mites donations are still being received & totals to be announced when finalized.

NEW 2023-2025 MISSION GOAL	
\$2,350,000	
Lutheran Women in Mission 2023-2025 MISSION GRANTS	
1. Orphan Grain Train Servant Center Orphan Grain Train, U.S.	\$100,000
2. A Healing Space for At-Risk Children Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, ND	\$100,000
3. Serving God's Children with Special Needs Journeys Lutheran School, Milwaukee, WI.	\$100,000
4. Fortifying Faith in Those with Vision Impairment Lutheran Braille Workers.	\$100,000
5. Disaster Response Team Trinity Lutheran Church, Tyler, TX.	\$50,000
6. Mobile Kitchen Forged by Fire Services, Gulf Coast Region, U.S.	\$85,000
7. Upheld by God's Hand, Mental Health Outreach LCMS Life Ministry.	\$96,500
8. Expanding Gospel Proclamation Worldwide Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO.	\$100,000
9. Equipping Young Leaders — LCMS Youth Ministry.	\$50,000
10. Set Apart To Serve — LCMS Office of Pastoral Education.	\$100,000
11. Lutheran Women in Mission Finish the Job Ministry in Mission, Haiti.	\$85,000
12. Sharing Christ Crucified with High School Youth Lutheran High School of Greater New Orleans, LA.	\$35,000
13. Water and the Word Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya.	\$80,000
14. Enhancement of Deaf Ministry and Outreach Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society, U.S.	\$47,000
15. Feeding Haitian Children Through Gospel and Meals Trinity HOPE.	\$58,082
16. Care for Street Children of Western Kenya Capstone Ministries.	\$50,000
17. Nurturing Faith for the Aging Lutheran Ministries Media (Worship Anew).	\$100,000
18. Zoe's Home Support Zoe's Home, Trinity Lutheran Church, Clinton, MO.	\$75,000
19. Tanzania Children's Homes Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania, Africa.	\$74,500
20. Sharing Christ with Women and Children in Kazakhstan Lutheran Hour Ministries.	\$100,000
21. Healthy Together: Healthy Workers, Healthy Church Lutheran Family Services, U.S.	\$106,000
22. Expanding Gospel Outreach to Hispanics in the U.S. Lutheran Hour Ministries.	\$100,000
23. A Legacy of Love for Special Needs Children Lutheran Special Education Ministries, U.S.	\$100,000
24. God's Word for Central and South American Missions Lutheran Heritage Foundation.	\$100,000
25. Bringing God's Word to India India Bible Translation Project.	\$100,000
26. Life Connection Events and Kits Lutherans for Life.	\$70,000
27. Siouxland Lutheran Hispanic Ministry Hope Lutheran, South Sioux City, NE.	\$50,000
28. Growing Our Place: Care for Special Needs Students Our Place After School Care, Inc., NE.	\$20,000
29. Repairs for St. Paul's Lutheran School St. Paul's Lutheran School, Cullman, AL.	\$50,000
30. Showering Love on the Least of These Mercy Holistic Ministry, CA.	\$100,000
31. Breaking Generational Poverty in Detroit Camp Restore Detroit, MI.	\$58,988



The weekend was full of so many wonderful things. In the opening service, we were challenged in what it means to proclaim the Gospel. Mission speakers such as Phil Zielke from Phil's Friends and Kurt Buchholz of Lutheran Hour ministries shared how the mission grants they received during the previous biennium had been used to further spread the Gospel, both at home and overseas. Our keynote speaker, Dr. Gregory Seltz, encouraged us to be the Esthers of today – to be who we are in Christ where we are, wherever God takes us. Our church had done a multi-generational Bible study (from women in their 20s to women in their 80s and everyone in between) last summer on Chosen, so meeting Donna Snow and having her sign our new study, Unshakable, was a special highlight for all of us.

Other convention highlights included the polka escalator (IYKYK*), the sea of purple everywhere we went, laughing at the antics of Jan Struck and Abby Goehring as Laverne and “Little Shirley” (assisted by our own Ali Arndt), the Lutheran Ladies Lounge (we support broccoli and cheese soup!), singing in harmony with over 3,500 women, building relationships within our local group, and so much more! We left convention rejuvenated in the Gospel, excited to share with our local district how we can continue to help with mites and mission of LWML. We look forward to being led by Eden Keefe and other sisters in office will lead us this next biennium and have already begun brainstorming how to encourage more members of our group to attend 2025's national convention, when the LWML will “Head to the Heartland” in Omaha, Nebraska. Written by: *Brianna Isaak*



*If you know, you know.



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Upcoming Dates

Zone Activities

Fall Zone Rallies:

Central: October 7, 2023 at Concordia Lutheran in Jamestown
Eastern: Sept. 30, 2023 at First American Lutheran Church in Mayville.
NW: October 14, 2023 in Minot
SE: October 7, 2023 at Holy Cross Lutheran in Lidgerwood
SW: October 14 at St. Matthew in Hazen

District & National

- ND DISTRICT LWML Fall Retreat — September 15–17, 2023 in Devil's Lake, ND
- ND DISTRICT BOD — November 4, 2023 at Concordia Lutheran in Jamestown
- ND DISTRICT LWML Convention — June 21–23, 2024 at Ramada in Bismarck, ND

80 Years of God's Grace

WHAT'S YOUR 80?

1942–2022



Our unit at Immanuel Willow Creek made 80 quilts. They were divided and were given to the Orphan Grain train, the VA hospital in Fargo, our local nursing home and long term in Bottineau. Submitted by: Ruth Erdman

In thanks and praise to the Lord for 80 years of the Lutheran Womens Missionary League, the LWML of Trinity Lutheran Church in Tolley pictured, Ruth Wallstrum, Sue Brandvold, Loretta Buchholtz, Carleen Christian, Judy Poppinga, Kathy Raap, and Naomi Hays, made 57 quilts and collected 56 purses in excellent condition. They filled them with health care items and Christian material. The Domestic Violence Crisis Center in Minot was the recipient. Submitted by: Judy Poppinga

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