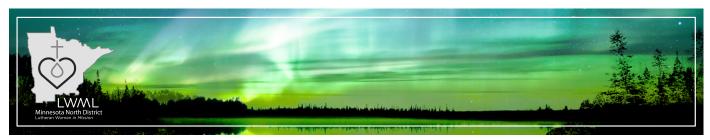
# MINNESOTA NORTHERN LIGHT



"Serve the Lord with Gladness..." Psalm 100:2

# **Greetings Dear Sisters in Christ!**

LWML Sunday materials are available on *lwml.org*. LWML Sunday is usually held in October, but it can be held any Sunday. The title for this years' service is "The King is



Coming", based on the verses; Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

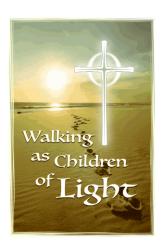
Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory! (Psalm 24:7–10). It was written by Rev. Dr. Roosevelt Gray, Jr., Director of LCMS Black Ministry.

Zone rallies have been scheduled. Rallies are a great time to encourage our sisters in Christ, renew our spirit, learn new things and support local missions with our in gatherings. The fellowship enjoyed is a bonus! Plan to attend your Zone rally and consider visiting another Zone's rally this fall. The information is available on our website, *lwmlmnn.org*, under the Events tab.

Plans are well underway for the LWML convention in 2024 at Cragun's Resort and Convention Center, near Brainerd, MN. The theme for the convention is "Walking as children of Light". Make your plans now to attend. The convention will be three weeks earlier than in the past, so many deadlines have been moved to earlier dates. Information can be

found at *lwmlmnn.org* under the convention tab. More information will be available soon.

Do you or someone in your group wish to write a mission grant for the 2024-2026 biennium? Application forms are available at *lwmlmnn.org* under the "Resources" Tab and then click on "Forms / Applications".



"...for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light." Ephesians 5:8

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.
Serving Him with Gladness,

Kathy Brandt LWML MN North District President president@lwmlmnn.org



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The 2024 Convention Flyer and Young Woman Flyer are attached to the end of this newsletter. They will also be available to download from the convention web page on the district website, *lwmlmnn.org*.

# Letter to the Editor

Recently my oldest daughter and I returned from the LWML convention in Milwaukee. We had taken the bus as we did two years ago to Lexington. Both trips were great fun as were the conventions. My daughter is "intellectually challenged" or whatever the socially 'correct' term is nowadays, but she is high functioning. She loves going to conventions and retreats with the LWML. One of the main reasons that she enjoys them so, I believe, is because the ladies are so loving and accepting of her. She has made some great friends and she remembers their names and looks forward to seeing them again. I think everyone on the bus knew Carol and many others in the Minnesota North District. I know she thinks these ladies are very special and so do I, and I thank each one for taking her under their wings and protecting and loving her.

Lori Salvhus, Summer 2023

# 2023 Upcoming Events

Nov 15	Group reports due to Zone Officers
Dec 1	Zone reports due to District Officers
Dec 15	Minnesota Northern Light Winter Issue articles due
Jan 1	Mission Grant proposals due
Jan 9	BOD Meeting
Feb 15	All Board reports due

## Submit an article

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Does your zone or society have an event or story to share? Please send your article and pictures to the Editor at: editor@lwmlmnn.org.

## Minnesota Northern Light

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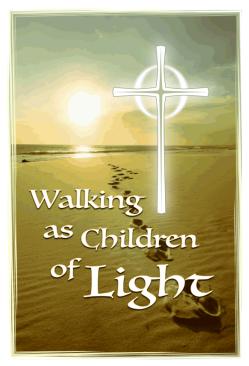
### Praver & Praise Mite Calendar

A great help in your prayer and praise life – especially remembering the mission grants we're supporting. Download this month's calendar from the Publication menu.



Mustard Seed Devotions can be sent directly to your email daily. Visit www.lwml.org/mustard-seed-devotions to sign up.

# **LWML MN North District 31st Biennial Convention**



"...for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light." Ephesians 5:8



LWML MN North District 31<sup>st</sup> Biennial Convention Cragun's Resort, Brainerd, MN June 3-5, 2024

Theme based on: Ephesians 5:8
"For at one time you were darkness,
but now you are light in the Lord.
Walk as children of light."

The plans for the 2024 District convention are well underway. The committee is working hard on many details.

Our Keynote Speaker is Katie Schuermann, nationally know author of several books including the Anthems of Zion series. She is a pastor's wife and lives in Champaign, Illinois. Her topic is "Light in the Lord."

Breakout speakers include: Mary Scott on Parish Nurses, Rev. Mark Peske on Compassion and Healing, Caleb Monson on Human Trafficking and a representative of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch on the programs and services they offer.

There will be a Bible study, Mites in Action speakers, a Mite Walk, singing, entertainment, food, and fellowship.

Registration will begin the end of March 2024 or the beginning of April 2024. All registrations will be online through Cragun's Resort.

Watch for more information to come in the next few months.

Kathy Brandt, LWML MNN District President

# **Convention Officer Nominations**

Nominations are needed, as we will be holding elections for LWML MNN Board positions at the 2024 Convention at Cragun's Resort near Brainerd, Minnesota. The following positions are up for election:

- † President
- † Corresponding Secretary
- † Treasurer
- † Arrowhead I Regional Vice President
- † Lakeland I Regional Vice President

- † Park I Regional Vice President
- † Pastoral Counselor Park Region

Please prayerfully consider serving this wonderful organization as an officer. For further information, contact Phyllis Sommers, Nominating Committee Chairman, at 218-689-8273, or members of the committee: Beth Dinger, Marilyn Hiltel, Sue Kuseske, Brenda Peterson, and Carol May.

A description of officer duties are listed in the LWML MNN Bylaws. Download the bylaws at *lwmlmnn.org* under the Resources menu.

# **Structure**

Karen Gorentz, Chairman structure@lwmlmnn.org

### Who Am I?

I grew up on a small dairy farm in Barnum, MN and attended Barnum Public Schools. During my grade school career, I was heavily involved in 4-H and was the Carlton County 4-H Federation President. After graduating high school, I attended the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC), where I participated in many organizations. It was at UMC where I met my husband Jon. Upon graduating from UMC, I attended North Dakota State University (NDSU) for a Master of Science in Animal & Range Sciences Nutritional Physiology. It was during this time that I found the Lord.

Throughout my life, I knew something was missing. I believe the first words out of Jon's mouth while we were dating were, "Let's go to Church together." I was very apprehensive; however, we attended Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Crookston. Working on the masters program at NDSU was not easy. I recall one day reading about

the Campus Ministry Program. To get some reprieve from my studies, I attended the Bible studies on Wednesday nights hosted by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Fargo. Religion was not part of our home while I was growing up, and when the chance came to attend Adult Confirmation Class, I gladly signed up.

I have always had an interest in bylaws and parliamentary procedure. I have helped to revise many of the organizations' bylaws and provided advice on parliamentary procedure in all the organizations that I have joined. As your Structure chair for the Minnesota North District, I feel very honored to be able to help in that capacity.

The Lord is remarkable. If it were not for meeting Jon at UMC, the Holy Spirit working in me to get confirmed as an adult, I can surely say that I would not be here today. I am so very thankful for the opportunities the Lord has given me. He has provided so many opportunities that have enriched and blessed my life. I feel so very privileged to know every one of you and I am looking forward to the years to come in LWML.

Submitted By: Karen Gorentz Structure Chairman

# **Mission Grants Report**

A total amount of \$6,000 in mites for LWML MN North grants was available this past quarter. The Board of Directors approved the payment of grant allocations as follows: \$2,000 for Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination; \$4,000 for Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students. The chart below details the current balance remaining for the 2022-2024 biennium.

# **Mission Grants**

Marcia Wittenburg, Chairman missiongrants@lwmlmnn.org



	MISSION GRANTS FOR THE 2022–2024 BIENNIUM (Balance as of April 11, 2023)	GRANT AMOUNT	BALANCE REMAINING
Grant 1	Orphan Grain Train	\$10,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 2	C.R.O.S.S. Appeal	\$18,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 3	Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination	\$8,000	\$2,000
Grant 4	Lutheran Island Camp, Summer Camp Program Updates	\$10,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 5	Scholarships for Full-Time Church Work Students	\$32,000	\$6,000
Grant 6	Swaddling Clothes	\$10,000	PAID IN FULL
Grant 7	"Main Street Living North" Ministry Outreach TV Program	\$10,000	\$2,000
Grant 8	Doxology Pastoral Care and Well-being	\$15,000	\$9,000
Grant 9	Project 24, Christ's Care for Children - Kenya	\$10,800	\$4,800
Grant 10	New Shepherds for South Sudan	\$7,500	\$3,500
Grant 11	Promoting an Inclusive Christian Housing Community of Faith	\$13,700	\$8,200
TOTALS		\$145,000	\$35,500

# **Human Care**

Jean Tester, Chairman humancare@lwmlmnn.org

Fall is a time for us to plan for the next year of Human Care activities. To help you renew that zeal for those acts of love, I am including a couple of Bible verses for inspiration.

**Human** Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers [humans], you did to me (Matthew

25:40).

Care Be shepherds of God's flock that is

under your care, watching over them-not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to

be... (1Peter 5:2, NIV).

When God places us, in particular circumstances with certain people, He expects us to be willing to follow His example and care for them.

# **Memorials & Honorariums**

# July 2023 to September 2023

In memory of Ilene Kohlman by Holloway, Immanuel/Trinity

In memory of Mertice Brueske by Tara Brueske

Memorial gifts and honorariums should be sent to the Financial Secretary, Jan Carlson, 408 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave S, Princeton MN 55371.

Phone: 763-631-0399 (C), financialsec@lwmlmnn.org.

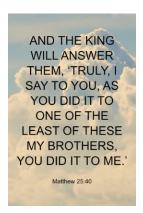
The financial remittance form can be downloaded from the resources page of our district website at *lwmlmnn.org*.

Some of the groups of people that might be 'at your doorstep' waiting for you to show them the love of Jesus are:

- Shut-in congregation members
- Veterans
- Families of deployed military
- Prisoners
- Disaster victims local, national & worldwide
- Lutheran schools
- Pastors, & church workers - support & encouragement
- Homeless
- Missionaries support financial & encouragement
- Those alone & pregnant
- First responders police, firemen, ambulance, sheriff
- Mentally challenged
- Residents of nursing homes & assisted living
- Blind
- Victims of domestic abuse
- Those with food insecurity
- Foster children & foster parents
- Those who are grieving
- New members & confirmands mentoring
- Mothers of newborns
- Those who are needy locally & through Orphan Grain Train
- Those suffering with addictions
- Cancer patients in hospitals, in treatment, in hospice
- Teachers
- Lutheran Island Camp & other organizations that provide opportunities to tell of Jesus love

All of the above are groups and organizations that at least one society in MN North District is already serving. Let us recognize the needs of these in our communities and be motivated to serve them with gladness in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Submitted by: Jean Tester Human Care Chairman



# **Scholarships**

Teresa Klatt, Chairman scholarships@lwmlmnn.org

# Greetings from the Scholarship Committee!

School is back into full swing, and we are happy to introduce our scholarship recipients for the 2023-2024 fall semester beginning with those who will be graduating first.



Sophia Greenfield's home church is Zion Lutheran Church, Morris, MN. She plans to graduate with an Elementary Education degree from Concordia, St Paul this coming December 2023.

Sophia writes "In the Bible He was called as the Son

from David, the vine, the good shepherd, teacher, and Son of God. Although ancient scholars recognize Jesus as a real person, He was not just a man or historical figure. He was fully human and fully God. Jesus is our Savior and Lord. Through His death on the cross and resurrection, we receive forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and salvation. Through faith in Him, we receive these blessings. Not only is Jesus Savior and Lord of all, but He is also my friend and guide. Jesus has shown me His great power, existence, and love."



Jordan DeBoer's home church is Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Crookston, MN. He recently completed his vicarage in Wisconsin and will be completing his Master of Divinity degree at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne in May of 2024.

Jordan writes, "So, who is Jesus? Jesus Christ is the only Son of God. He is True God, begotten of the Father from eternity. And He is also True Man, born of the Virgin Mary. He took on human flesh when He was conceived by the Holy Spirit. He is our Lord and our Savior, who won Salvation for us by the giving of His body and the shedding of His blood. And He won this Salvation for us, not with gold or silver, but with

His holy and precious blood, innocent suffering, and death. After dying he rose again on the third day and walked the earth with His disciples for 40 days. And on the 40th day, He ascended into Heaven, where He is seated at the right hand of God."



Sarah Jeppesen's home church is Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sunburg, MN. Her intended major is English Education from Concordia University, St Paul. She plans to complete her degree in 2024.

Sarah writes, "I have grown in my relationship with Jesus.

Because of my theology classes I have a deeper and greater understanding of the Bible and what Jesus has done for me. Jesus cares for me every single day and protects me from everything."



Mark Langton's home church is Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church, Garrison, MN. His intended major is Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. He plans to receive his first call in 2026.

Mark writes, "Jesus is indeed the Christ. The only begotten Son of God. begotten of the Father from eternity. He is true God, and also true man, being born of the virgin Mary. His being made man was necessary to fulfill the promises of God, to redeem His fallen creation. He, being without sin, took upon Himself the sins of the world. and bore them on the cross for our sake. His salvific work was completed for all in His death upon the cross, in which the Lamb of God was offered as the perfect sacrifice for all. He was raised from the dead on the third day and is seated at the right hand of the Father. Jesus still comes and cares for His church through His Word and Sacraments. We are buried into His death through the waters of Holy Baptism, and we receive His very body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins every time we come to the Lord's Supper."



Isabella Wolter's home church is St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Benson, MN. She intends to graduate from Concordia University, Nebraska with an Elementary Education degree in 2026.

Isabella writes, "However, there was one opportunity

that gave me confidence in what I wanted to do with my future career. Teaching Sunday School opened my eyes and my heart to the fact that teaching is the gift that God has given me, and I went to use this gift to bless others."



Rebecca Pumphrey's home church is St. John's Lutheran Church, Villard, MN. She plans to major in Theology in the Pre-Deaconess program from Concordia University, St. Paul. The year of college completion is 2026 with an admirable goal of Deaconess Call of 2029.

Rebecca writes, "To begin, Jesus is the one and only Son of God who descended from His throne on high with His Father, to the earth below. He became the sacrificial Lamb of God who would be slain, without blemish, for the sins of His beloved creation. Upon His brutal death. He descended into Hell and rose on the third day, overcoming sin, death, and the devil on our behalf." And she writes: "Jesus in this action, came to all people in all times and places—including me. Jesus continues to come to me daily through His gift of the Holy Spirit given to me in my Baptism. He also comes to me, nourishes me in not only His sanctifying Supper every Sunday, but also the living Word within the Bible. All of these are given that His people may believe in Him and hold fast in these trying times between His resurrection and His promised final coming."



Jacob Franck's home church is Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Duluth, MN. He plans to graduate from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne in 2027 with a Master of Divinity degree.

Jacob writes "Jesus Christ is

my Lord and Savior. In my baptism, I was made a child of God. By Jesus Christ's death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead He paid for my sins and became a mediator for me. By His blood I am washed clean of my sins. He not only saves me from death and damnation, but I know that He also cares for me personally. He watches over me, guides, protects, and loves me. He is always with me; in my darkest moments He weeps with me and comforts me and in my best moments He smiles down on me. In the sacrament of communion, He gives me his true body and blood to eat and drink. He takes care of me physically, mentally, and spiritually. I know that I am never alone because He is always with me and always will be."



Rocco Fritz's intended major is Director of Parish Music from Concordia University, Nebraska. He plans to complete this degree in 2027.

Rocco writes, "Jesus leads me with His Word through the words of hymns. Since my dad is a pastor, I've grown up hearing the Word sung into

my ear. It's hymns like, "Thy Strong Word" (LSB 578), and "Oh God Oh Lord of Heaven and Earth" (LSB 834), that have taught me the Faith. Since hymn 578 speaks of creation, it taught me how God's Word "cleaved the darkness," to speak everything into being. Additionally, hymn 834 told me that God did not create life to be, "a deathward drift from futile birth," but, rather, He sent Christ to, "breathe our poisoned air," and die and rise for my sin. In the same way, as "God's Own Child I Gladly Say It" (LSB 594) reminds me, "I'm a child of paradise," through His Sacrament of Holy Baptism."

We pray that all of these students have a semester blessed with God's peace and joy. We encourage each of you to prayerfully support them as well. If you or your group would like to support them monetarily, please contact Teresa Klatt at more information.

Submitted By: Teresa Klatt Scholarships Committee Chairman scholarships@lwmlmnn.org

## **Christian Life**

Valerie Johnson, Chairman christianlife@lwmlmnn.org



# Balancing Act-Amid Life's Challenges

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. (1Corinthians 10:31).

This was our theme for the 2023 LWML Retreat August 11-13, 2023. From young to old we all have the problem of balancing our lives. My hope was that to balance out our lives at any stage is to keep our eyes on Jesus and to be in God's Word.

There were 62 registered for the retreat including a total of 13 first-timers. Our speakers were Deb Vinkemeier, former Minnesota South District President now living in northern MN, and Katy Gifford from Wheaton, MN. Katy is our Gift Planning Advocate for "Gifts of Love." Both Deb and Katy spoke on the topic of balancing life's

challenges using different techniques for us to apply. Rev. Cr. Patrick Lovejoy led the Bible study Friday evening titled, "Balancing Life's Challenges" to kick off Saturday's speakers. Kurt Weber, from Ottertail, MN, provided our entertainment for Saturday evening titled, *An Evening for Music*. Kurt played classical music on piano. He played and recorded hymns including ones he wrote. Kurt has CDs and plays music for church services. His father is Rev. Karl Weber of St. John Ottertail, MN. He left us with this phrase from Martin Luther "Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise."

We also had five ladies that have held an LWML District office in Minnesota and other states attend the retreat. Kathy Brandt (current MN North District President), Katy Gifford (past Nebraska South District President), Deb Vinkemeier (past MN South District President) JoNette Brogaard (past MN North District President) and Marcia Wittenburg (past Louisiana-Mississippi District President).

Give God the Glory!

Submitted By: Valerie Johnson Christian Life Chairman



LWML MN North District Retreat Attendees



Former District Officers: Kathy Brandt Katy Gifford, Deb Vinkemeier, JoNette Brogaard, and Marcia Wittenburg



13 First Time Attendees

# **Leader Development**

Carole Borchers, Chairman leaderdevelopment@lwmlmnn.org

# Sisters in Christ – Bridging the Generation Gap

The question of how to bring more women into the life of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, or any Christian women's gathering, is a question that causes many to struggle. There are many and varied answers to this question. To help find answers to this question, the Leader Development Committee spent some time hearing from young women in our midst– women of all generations. This was accomplished by hosting an intergenerational gathering entitled, "Sisters in Christ – Bridging the Gap Between Generations." The purpose of the intergenerational gathering:

- To get to know women in the congregation and to meet new women.
- To understand differences in the generations that can lead to friendships and love.
- To better understand the lives of real women in our midst through a panel of real women.
- To introduce the idea of mentoring...a prelude to mentoring.

The opening devotion was based on Paul's directive to Titus in Titus 2:3-5, "Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God (NIV)." This is the first hint of mentoring.

An icebreaker was among the first things on the "agenda". Prepared questions helped start the table conversations that led to encouragement.

Generalizations/characteristics of the seven generations that gathered were illustrated through a PowerPoint presentation. Although many may know these differences, putting it before the women so that everyone was on the same page with a generalization of each generation was interesting and helpful to many.

The next hint of mentoring came from Donna Pyle Snow's listing of "What we need from each other." We need a smile, a hug, each other's presence, encouragement, a listening ear, and each other's stories.

A Scriptural look at two examples of women mentoring women were explored: Mary and Elizabeth and Naomi and Ruth. This was the best part of the day! Much discussion was generated at the tables as they dug a little deeper into the lives of these women— what brought them together and how they were a blessing to each other. This was a wonderful example of Spiritual Mentoring.

Lunch was served by some of the men of the congregation which freed all women to enjoy the conversations at the table and to not be Marthas that day!

The panel of five generations – a panel member from each decade – 20s to 60s (and maybe should have had 70s and 80s) shared a typical day in their life. A panel moderator directed questions and discussion to help understand the lives of each generation of women. Each women had a unique story and opened the eyes of the participants to better understand who they are and their station in life.

The afternoon closed with a craft that provided a time for the women to talk at their tables as they made a unique cross as a reminder of Sisters in Christ, ages 23-94. We packed a lot into 3 ½ hours.

We are working on a follow up gathering. If you have questions or would like help implementing this in your group, contact the Leader Development Committee, Carole Borchers, Chairman, call or text 218-287-8049 or email at leaderdevelopment@lwmlmnn.org,

Submitted By: Carol Borchers Leader Development Chairman



Additional information can be found at: www.lwml.org/developing-leaders

# **Church Workers**

Jolene Henning, Chairman churchworkers@lwmlmnn.org

Blessings to all from the Arrowhead II Zone and Church Workers Teams.

I have had a wonderful summer with many highlights. I attended my first National Convention; it was very inspiring! There was so much love for our dear Lord in that convention hall that it just gave me chills. As the Church Worker Chairman of the District Board, I attended a meeting with other Church Worker representatives. It was wonderful to hear about all the events and plans that my counterparts prepare to celebrate Church Workers in their areas.

I thought that the Convention would be the highlight of the summer, but I was also blessed with the news of a church in the St. Cloud Zone that wants to begin an LWML Society. I have another meeting on September 5 with them and I pray that we can add them to our St. Cloud Zone. They are extremely interested, and a delightful group. God's Blessings to all of them.

On August 10<sup>th</sup>, President Kathy Brandt and I attended the meeting of New Church Workers and I gave them information regarding LWML. Kathy explained our mission and welcomed them all to the MN North District.

I have experienced several wonderful Godsent events this summer, and I still have one left to go. The Arrowhead II Regional Fall Workshop will take place on October 14th. Our theme is "Freedom in Christ–Rest in Him." I am so looking forward to this and am a little nervous also. I have not previously done a Regional Rally, but I know it will be highly successful. All the women in the Arrowhead II region are wonderful sisters in Christ.

God's Blessings to all,

Submitted By: Jolene Henning Church Workers Chairman

## **Public Relations**

Jolene Henning, Chairman publicrelations@lwmlmnn.org

Public Relations has taken on a role the last few months and it has been a very rewarding time for us.

On August 10th we met with New Church Workers of the North District. This is always a great time to pass information on to those who may not be familiar with LWML. Packets are given to each new Church Worker with information about LWML and what we represent and strive to do, by passing information to our congregations and to the people in the mission field. I feel that this is indeed a public relations function as well as a new Church Worker function. It is exciting to meet so many new workers and their families!

The St. Cloud Zone has a new LWML group at Concordia Church in South Haven. On July 16th, Kathy Brandt and I met with the women of the church, as well as members of the Congregation. We spent time explaining the meaning of LWML, our mission and goals. Since that time, I have met with the ladies two more times and have been informed that they will begin their LWML Group. We welcome them and am sure that some of them will be attending the Fall Rally.

On September 10th, Corles Rainer and I went to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Elk River and assisted them in serving meals on their "Supper for the Soul" Sunday. They have been serving these meals to people in their community since COVID began. Pamphlets and blessings are handed out accompanying all meals given with a drive up take out. We served 196 people in 1 ½ hours. What a great public relations activity!

Presently, research is being done on advertising by local Brainerd media for the 2024 LWML MN North District Convention in June.

It has been busy, but I feel that many lives have been touched in the last few months and the LWML word has spread throughout Minnesota.

Submitted By: Jolene Henning Public Relations Chairman



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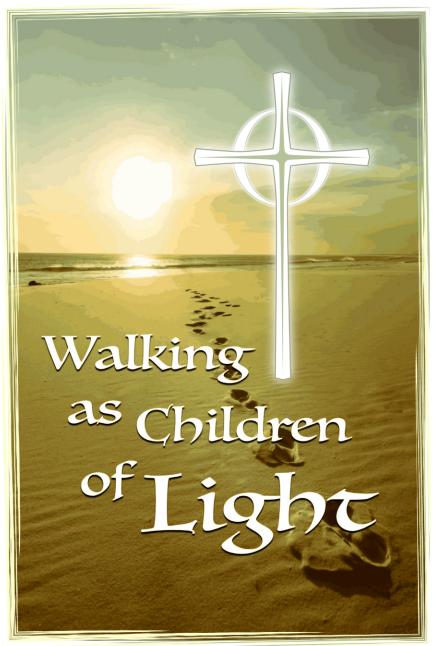
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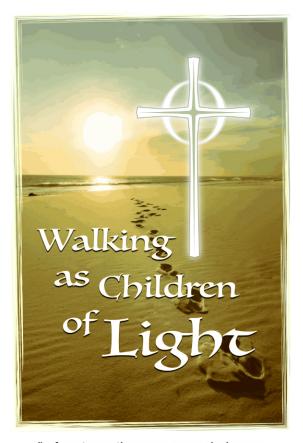


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- games
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- · special activities
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Minnesota North District

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